ELY CHRONICLE 1820-1850



Market Hill, Ely, 1845

Stories from the Cambridge Chronicle
relating to Ely and the surrounding areas
1820 – 1850

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Preface by Mike Petty

The Cambridge Chronicle was one of the most important Cambridgeshire newspapers throughout the nineteenth century

I indexed the original copies of the paper that are housed in the Cambridgeshire Collection at Cambridge Central Library for any story, notice or advertisement relating to Cambridge or Cambridgeshire over the period from 1770-1819.

Susequently volunteers indexed the 'Village News' columns for news about all Cambridgeshire villages from 1820 to 1899. This 'News Index' is filed in card catalogues in the Collection.

Later other volunteers transcribed these entries and published 'Chronicles' for a number of places and topics.

But Ely had so many stories that such indexing for the period after 1819 was felt to be impractical.

However Muriel Wallace thought differently and over a period of many years she carefully located and copied out all the items relating to Ely for the period from 1820 to 1860. Her handwritten notes are held in the Cambridgeshire Collection.

Then Barbara Slade decided to type up Muriel's notes to produce a series of 'Ely Chronicles' that could be printed and sold.

Now Barbara has decided to share these notes and they form the bulk of this download. It is a remarkable addition to the resources available to local historians.

I took copies of the Ely index cards for the period 1770 to 1819 which I started to type up as an addition to their work. This I have yet to complete, but I have added these index cards up to December 1795

Please let me know of any errors (of which there will doubtless be many especially in my notes) and I will correct them.

Please also let me know if your find things that aid your research.

Finally, do make what use of it that you may, but please remember where it came from

Mike Petty, March 2015

"News Index" entries for Ely stories in the Cambridge Chroncle 1770-1795

1770
now pulling down large house late J. Partheriche – 1770 06 16 p3
Bell Grover dairy for sale 1770 10 20 p4

1772
advert Thomas Willson, potter 1772 03 14
man thought dead visited sister who swooned at sight and died 1772 08 01 p2
new choir of cathedral opened 1772 09 05 p2

1773
as corn market not for some years opened or closed at any certain time … now will begin at 11 and end 1pm all Saturdays from 30 Oct 1773 10 16 p3
card sharps at Ely fair 1773 11 06 p2
attempted robbery from shop 1773 11 20 p2

1775
Hannah Fortington continues as barber and peruke maker 1775 02 04
Eminent attorney Isaac Cockerton dies 1775 02 11 p2
Tinkler, currier warehouse for curried leather at Ship 1775 10 14 p2

1776
post mill for sale 1776 06 29 p3
Mr Morgan head Grammar School 1776 09 21 p2

1777
Sale horse bolting mill, French stones etc, William Blinkhorn 1777 02 22 p3
Sale Lamb Inn 1777 03 01, 1777 04 12 p3
William Arminger resigned grocery and chandlery business in favour Matthew Brackenbury 1777 03 15 p1
Stock and utensils of John Boyce, millwright disposed 1777 05 17 p3
Death Thomas Dockings millwright and carpenter 1777 06 07 p3
Stock to be disposed 1777 06 28 p3
Henry Corney has taken Lamb 1777 07 12 p3
Sale linen and woollen drapery shop belonging James Galloway 1777 08 14; stock for sale 1777 10 25
Snake near Ely had live toad in belly 1777 12 13 p2

1778
let: farm 1778 03 14 p2
sale post windmill 1778 03 14 p3
sale genteel house in Market Place, wool stapling offices establishment of late James Galloway 1778 04 11 p3
person to manage workhouse in Ely Trinity 1778 06 13 p3
Braham Farm to let 1778 08 08 p3
Sale messuage, malting office, granaries near river late John Rayner 1778 08 08 p3
Milliners appresntice required apply Elizabeth Bennington 1778 12 05 p3

1779
sale dwelling house Market Place belonging John Rayner, 5a land 1779 03 06 p4
sale stock in trade William Browning, drapery etc 1779 04 03 p2
Joseph Lamb continues brick and tile manufacturer 1779 09 04 p2

1780
prisoners in Ely gaol give thanks to gentlemen who bestowed charity and relieved them 1780 01 22 p3
sale of spacious new brick house 150 yards of cathedral and St Mary's church, price £360 1780 05 20 p4
sale Kettleworth farm and two brick kilns, Thomas Gotobed 1780 10 07 p2

1781
sale of house centre High Row occupied Ann Smith 1781 05 12 p2
peal of 8 bells at St Mary's church opened 1781 05 19 p3
sale: corn windmill, enquire Nathan Spooner 1781 07 07 p4
death Mr Tookie, surgeon & apothecary 1781 07 21 p3
let: Mr Tookie's house and apothecary's shop in High Row 1781 01 18 p4
Ann Cullen continues husband's ironmongers business 1781 08 25 p2
Let : new-built house and shop, Market Place late occupied widow Forthington 1781 09 08 p4
Death William Pigott butcher of considerable business 1781 09 29 p3
Sale : furniture etc of Lamb 1781 10 06 p3
Sale: furniture & books George Brooks, attorney 1781 12 01 p2
Let: mansion house, 3 storeys occupied Brooks & 2 messuages 1781 12 01 p2

1782
sale: post mill near Ely 1782 02 02 p3
sale: Lamb Inn furniture, post chaises etc 1782 05 11 p2
Ann Richardson of Bell Inn thanks for past custom, has now obtained post chaise 1782 07 27 p3
Lamb Inn to let 1782 08 10 p3

1783

boarding school for young gentlemen – C. Speechly, £16 pa 1783 01 04 p1
sale house in Ansdell, brewhouse etc; tenement & land 1783 02 01 p4
sale: household furniture Aungier Peacocke 1783 06 07 p3
sale: farming stock & furniture Chris Potter house, New Barnes 1783 06 14 p2
sale: Gt & Lt New Barnes estates, let in 1773 at rent 1783 12 13 p2

1784
death Mr Reynolds, master of Lamb Inn 1784 02 14 p3
E. Martin will practice surgery, midwifery from house nr Market 1784 08 28 p1
Sale: Braham farm 1784 98 28 p2
Sale: mansion house of New Barnes, resident Chris Potter 1784 10 23 p3
Sale: stock of Charles Speechely, draper 1784 12 04 p3
Bankruptcy proceedings 1784 12 24 p1
Sale: Red Lion inn, High Row, brewhouse etc 1784 12 17 p4

1785
Mr Tolver launched balloon from Palace gardens 1785 01 01 p3
Henry Lamb moves from Ship Inn to Red Lion Inn 1785 03 19 p3
Sale: stock at brick kiln occupied Morley 1785 08 06 p3
Death in London of Benjamin Flood, late surgeon & apothecary at Ely 1785 11 26 p3

1786
let: White Hart 1786 01 21 p4
sale: Braham farm 1786 02 18 p2

death Mrs Creek, draper 1786 02 25 p3
death: William Turkington formerly considerable tanner 1786 03 04 p3
sale: furniture of White Swan 1786 04 08 p2
Thomas Wood has taken White Hart 1786 04 22 p3
William Daking fined for trading as butcher without apprenticeship 1786 05 13 p3
Richard Lucas, potter, will be at Midsummer Fair 1786 06 17 p3
Lownds & Coulson with their coarse ware will be at fair 1786 06 17 p3
Sale: messuages 1796 09 23 p2
Wife of J. Pilkington absconds with bankrupt 1786 12 09 p2
Wife replies, as does absconder 1786 12 30 p2

1787
sale: shop & stock linen trade in Market Place 1787 01 20 p3
Sun fire office, some free policies 1787 02 03 p2
Account of hanging 1787 94 14 p3
Sale: stock of Joseph Brown Allen, shopkeeper, Market Place, also premises 1787 05 05 p4
Sale: established house, land etc late estate of Colonel Monson 1787 05 19 p4
Sale: 'Bishops Piece' Caldwell common, occupied Haylock rent £35 1787 05 26 p3
Man gored by bull at Ely fair died 1787 11 03 p3

1788
Partnership Ann Cullum & William W. Cullum, whitesmith, dissolved 1788 02 09 p2
Green Man pub for sale occupation widow Gamble & J. Large, area of yards & extensive – suitable farmers 1788 02 09 p3
Sale: Chequer pub, High Row, messuage, land 1788 03 15 p4
Northey dairy farm for sale 1788 05 31 p2
Death: Thomas Pratt, postmaster, formerly at Lamb 1788 06 21 p3
Sale: stock Mary Pigott – haberdashery 1788 07 26 p3
Sale of pump in brewing office of Haylocks, drawing water from river 300 yards away so rapidly that pumps barrel in a minute, thought impossible. Plumbing by Wetenhall 1788 09 20 p3
Ely Second Subscription Assembly at Lamb 1788 12 27 p3

1789
5 students ordained Countess of Huntingdon Chapel 1789 01 31 p3
Joseph Garner has coach to Cambridge, Mon, Wed, Sat, takes parcels 1789 02 14 p3
Let: butcher's shop Forehill, enquire William Wenham 1789 05 02 p1
Thanksgiving celebrations for King's recovery – anthem, lantern illuminated by 600 candles, fireworks; William Armiger distributes loaves to poor 1789 05 09 p3
Escape from gaol 1789 05 23 p3
Sale: furniture of Club; land 1789 08 22 p1
Sale: Club 1789 08 29 p4
George Hardy has taken Club 1789 10 17 p2
Ganns postcoach to Cambridge three times weekly 1789 11 14 p3
Death: Thomas Boyce, attorney-at-law, 'an honour to profession' 1789 12 19 p3

1790
Sale: effects Edward Ingram, gardener 1790 01 16 p3
Sale : furniture Miss Warren, also house 1790 02 27 p3
Debtors to Henry Lamb, deceased of Red Lion to pay 1790 04 03 p3
Debtors Ann Richardson of Bell Inn to pay 1790 04 10 p2
Death: George Stevens eminent millwright & carpenter, has premises at Waterside to let 1790 04 17 p3
James Garner takes Bell Inn 1790 04 24 p1
Sale: Dolphin Inn 170 07 31 p2
Death: Charles Dancer, former surgeon at Barnes 1790 008 21 p3

Stained glass for Cathedral painted by Pearson now put in centre window 1790 10 09 p3
Sale: stock George Stevens, carpenter 1790 10 30 p4

1791
3rd Subscription Assembly at Lamb 1791 01 08 p3
J. Norman, waterman, broke out gaol 1791 02 26 p2
Matthee Brackenburg agent Sun Fire Office 1791 04 09 p1
Sale: Furniture late Boyce, attorney 1791 05 28 p2
Sale : Red Lion inn 1791 08 13 p3
Sale: Ship, house, shop 1791 09 10 p3
Sale: furniture Red Lion Inn 1791 10 01 p2
Let: Club 1791 10 15 p3
Death: Thomas Foulgham, lime burner & master Three Blackbirds pub 1791 10 29 p3
G. Smith starts boarding & day school young ladies in house Mrs Rayner, boarders 12 gns pa, day 6/6 quarter 1791 12 24 p1

1792
Club - George Rand takes 1792 01 07 p2
Sam Cropley, baker, drowned while fetching water from river 1792 01 14 p3
Sale: furniture late Thomas Gotobed 1792 03 03 p1
Sale: house Palace Green late Thomas Gotobed 1792 03 17 p2
Sale: land, 13 lots 1792 04 07 p3
Mrs Maud school for girls near Lamb, board & day school 1792 04 14 p2
Letter to Ely ringers from Soham ringers1792 05 12 p3
Sale : 4 tenements New Barnes 1792 08 04 p1
Sale: furniture Rev Jeffery Bentham, deceased 1792 09 22 p2
Sale: furniture Rev Watkin 1792 11 10 p2
Creditors Thomas Fussey, carrier, to apply 1792 11 10 p3
Death: Seth Bull, timber merchant 1792 11 17 p3
May Prigg accused Peter Smith, attorney, wrongly making our will William Armiger: apologises 1792 11 17 p3
Abraham Ball takes Red Lion, continues as stone mason 1792 12 01 p3
Death: Thomas Knowles, chief constable & auctioneer 1792 12 08 p3

1793
sale: Dovehouse Close and other land 1793 01 05 p1
effigy of John Pain with infamous book burned 1793 01 12 p3
payment executors of Thomas Watkins 1793 02 09 p1
R. Edwards hairdresser, perfumer & hatter now has new hats 1793 03 30 p2
Elizabeth Fussey cannot maintain such extensive carriers service after death husband 1793 05 18 p3; bankrupt 1793 09 21 p2, house sold 1793 09 28 p3
Richard Sandall carrier to London, Thursdays 1793 07 06 p3
Thomas Grimditch, soldier, has legacy waiting him 1794 08 03 p2
Sale: tenement opposite St Mary's occupation Mrs Dancer 1793 08 16 p2
Sale: furniture, effects late Rev William Cole 1793 12 07 p2

1794
let: butcher's shop, Fore Hill 1794 01 18 p3
sale: wagons & carts Richard Lindell, carrier 1794 01 18 p3
sale: land 1794 02 01 p2
sale: large house, High Street, suitable shop 1794 04 05 p2
sale: flat suitable lady 1794 04 26p2
J. Townsend hanged himself in House of Correction 1794 05 31 p2
Sale: large new-built straw hovel occupied Eliz Fussey 1794 08 16 p3

Needhams school. Ball will resign, new master required for 24 boys 1794 10 18 p3
Theft plate from Cathedral vestry 1794 12 27 p3

1795
death J. Tubbs, Quaker 1795 01 31 p3
death Mr Tattersall of Highflyer Hall 1795 02 28 p3
Mr Toffle, Ely school requires assistant 1795 07 11 p3
Sale: land, 9 lots 1795 09 12 p3
Man and woman for workhouse Trinity parish 1795 09 19 p3
Death Wm Hattersley formerly considerable shoemaker 1795 10 10 p3
Fire destroys Hardy's fellmongers and another 1795 10 10 p3
Sale: stock Mrs Collen, milliner 1795 10 10 p3
Windmill of Wm Simpson robbed of 39-40 stone meal 1795 12 05 p3, confessions 1796 01 02 p3

Note: I have copies index cards up to 1819 which have still to be added to this list – Mike Petty

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1820

January 7 1820
Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at Wisbech, on Wednesday 12th January 1820 by ten of the clock forenoon.

The several Clerks to the Justices are requested to send the Depositions and Recognizance's to Mr Stead Girdlestone, the Deputy Clerk of the Peace at Wisbech, on or before the Saturday proceeding.
Bellamy, Clerk of the Peace.

Ely Seminary for Ladies
Market Place Ely.
The Misses Tattershall respectfully inform their friends and the public, that they have taken the House and School, situated as above, lately occupied by the Misses Muriel, which they intend at the close of the Christmas recess, to open as a Boarding and Day School, for the Education of Young Ladies –
Terms etc. may be had by applying to the Misses Tattershall, Ely.

N.B. The School commences Jan 25 1820.

January 7 1820
Ely Seminary
The Misses Wilks beg leave to return thanks for the confidence already reposed in them, and to solicit the further encouragement and recommendation of their friends.
School will re-commence Jan 17. 1820

On the 31st ult. Richard Nicholas and James Barrett were committed to the House of Correction at Ely (by the Rev. Sir. H.B. Dudley, Bart. Chairman) charged on oath by the overseers of Littleport, with grossly insulting them in the distribution of the parochial allowance, as ordered by the magistrates.

January 14 1820
Marriage – on Thursday the 16th inst. At St Georges Hanover Square (by the Rev. the Provost of Eton) the Rev. Henry Fardell, M.A. Prebendary of Ely, to Eliza Sparke, eldest daughter of the Lord Bishop of Ely.

Ely Agricultural Association
A meeting of farmers and other persons interested in the support of Agriculture, will be held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely on Thursday 20 January inst, at eleven o'clock forenoon for the purpose of considering the propriety of establishing an Agricultural Association for that town and neighbourhood, and of petitioning Parliament to adopt such measures for regulating the importation of Foreign Corn, as may be found necessary for the protection of the British Farmer.
Ely January 8th 1820.

January 21 1820
Ladies' School, Ely.
The Misses Doswell respectively inform their friends and the public, that they have taken a house, situated in the High-Row, which they intend to open, at the close of the present recess, for the reception of Young Ladies, on the following Terms – Board and Tuition, including English Geography with the use of the Globes, History, and Plain and Ornamental Needlework, 22 guineas per Annum; Writing and Arithmetic, 2 guineas; Music, Dancing and Drawing, on the usual terms; Washing 2 guineas per annum. – Day School for scholars above eight years of age, 1 guinea per quarter; under that age, 10s.6d. per quarter.

School will recommence on Monday the 24th inst.

Isle of Ely Sessions at Wisbech.
On the 12th inst. before the Rev. Wm.: (in the chair) and a full Bench of Justices.

James Downham was convicted of stealing an ass, the property of Thomas Oliver of Upwell, and was sentenced to be imprisoned 6 months in the House of Correction at Wisbech, and to be twice publicly whipped during that time.

James Ball was convicted of stealing a loin of pork from the shop of Mr. William Haylock, at Ely, and was sentenced to be imprisoned 14 days in the common gaol at Ely.

James Eagle, the younger, of Downham, blacksmith, was convicted of an assault upon Mrs. Mary Ann Miller, and was sentenced to be imprisoned 14 days in the House of Correction at Ely, and to pay a fine of £10 to the King.

Eleanor Barfoot was tried for stealing a quantity of flour, the property of Thomas Hill Ovstin, and was acquitted; as were also Henry Tansley, for an assault on Thomas Burrage; and Richard Dearlove, for an assault on Amey Woollard.

A bill was found against John Dimmock, the elder, of Streatham, for refusing to obey an order of two Justices upon him for the maintenance of his son John Dimmock, the younger, who had become chargeable to the parish of Streatham.

An appeal was tried against an order of two Justices for diverting a road in the parish of Elm, through the lands of John Sculthorpe, Esq. which had excited considerable interest.

Mr Cooper was specially retained for the appellant, Mr John Goddard Marshall, and the hearing of the appeal occupied six hours. The order of the Justices was confirmed.

January 28 1820
Death - On Friday last, the 14th inst. aged 30, after a long illness, borne with Christian fortitude, Sarah, wife of Mr James Raynes, draper, of Ely.

On the 10th inst. at Fordham aged 92, Mrs Anne Cullen, widow of Mr James Cullen, formerly an ironmonger at Ely.

At a meeting of Farmers resident in the Hundred of Ely, and South part of the Hundred of Witchford, in the Isle of Ely, held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 20th January.

Jonathan Page, Esq, in the chair

The following Resolutions were unanimously agreed to.

That the agricultural classes are not labouring under the severest distresses and that individual and combined exertion and perseverance are necessary to awaken the Legislature to a sense of their grievances.

That the importation of foreign corn not only drains the country of its wealth, but by reducing the price of home produce, is ruinous to agriculture in its immediate effects and impedes the circulation of capital in its course thro' the agricultural to all other branches of national industry.

That the free circulation of capital, from one class to another is requisite for the prosperity of all, and that the general depression in all agricultural concerns having checked its course of circulation through that class, has been one great cause of the stagnation of trade in the kingdom, and of the present suffering conditions of the labouring poor.

That unless speedy and adequate means be taken to protect the British cultivators from foreign competition, it is in vain to hope that agriculture can long continue even in its present state of depression, its energies and its capital must inevitably still further decline, till at length all protection will be no avail.

That the Petition to the House of Commons now produced be signed by the persons present at this meeting, and such other farmers in Ely and the neighbouring parishes as think fit to sign the same, and that it be then transmitted to the members for the county to be presented to the House of Commons.

That an Association to be called the 'Ely Agricultural Association' be formed for the Hundred of Ely and South Part of the Hundred of Witchford, and that the object of the Association be to support the Interests of Agriculture.

That it is highly expedient that the said Association should on all occasions co-operate and act in concert with the Parent Association in London.

That every farmer resident in the Hundred of Ely and South Part of the Hundred of Witchford – be eligible to become members of the Association upon conforming to the Rules thereof.

That Messrs Evans and Archer be appointed Treasurers and Solicitors to the Association.

That these resolutions be advertised once in the Cambridge Paper.

J. Page.

Resolved, that the thanks of the meeting be given to the Chairman for his attention to the business of the day.

February 4 1820

Public House – Downham, near Ely –

To be sold by Private Contract

That well accustomed Public House, known by the sign of the Windmill

Enquires of Mr. Thos Green, the Proprietor, at Downham.

February 11 1820

February 18 1820

Isle of Ely, - A General Session of Pleas, Cyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, will be holden and kept at Ely, on Monday 21st February inst. but that the Chief Justice will not proceed to business until after the Divine Service on the Tuesday morning following.

Francis Bagge Esq.

Chief Bailiff

February 25 1820

Isle of Ely Assizes – which were held on Tuesday and Wednesday last, before Edward Christian Esq. Chief Justice of the Isle of Ely.

William Johnson alias Furman, was capitally convicted of uttering at Chatteris on Sunday 21st November last, a quantity of base coin, resembling the lawful and current coin of the realm called shillings and sixpences, and received a death sentence but was reprieved before the Chief Justice left the city.

John Nolt, charged with a similar offence, was acquitted.

Sarah Starkings, for stealing a bundle of shawls from the shop of Mr Pratt, of Sutton, was sentenced to be imprisoned two months.

Martin Gibbons, charged with violently assaulting Catherine Farrell, was acquitted.

No true bills against Susan Stukins, charged with a robbery at Haddenham, and Dorothy Long, charged with a robbery at Ely.

March 3 1820

March 10 1820

March 17 1820

March 24 1820

Death on Friday last, in the College Ely, in her 83rd year, Mrs Harwood, relict of John Harwood, Esq. late of Exning Suffolk.

Hats Wholesale and Retail

Ely

R Edwards respectfully informs his friends that he has just received a large Assortment of Fashionable Hats, of Superior quality, which he begs leave to offer upon terms equal to any shop in the Kingdom, and feeling himself able to supply the trade on the best possible terms, he solicits the

attention of those who have not already applied to him, convinced that the peculiar advantage he now possess, enables him to serve them on terms equal to any manufactory.

March 31 1820
Death on Saturday last, after a very long illness, much respected, Mr Charles Clay, of Coveney, near Ely.

April 7 1820
The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden in Ely on 12th April, 1820 by ten of the clock forenoon.
Bellamy, Clerk of the Peace
April 7 1820
Burnt Fen First District

Notice is hereby given, that a meeting of the Commissions of the above District will be held at the Bell Inn, Ely on Wednesday the 19th April, at 12 o'clock, noon, pursuant to adjournment from the last meeting.

A General Half-yearly meeting will be held at the same place on Friday 21st April, at 11 o'clock forenoon.
Thos. Archer, Jun
Clerk to the Commissioners.

April 14 1820
The Spring Courts of the Rev. the Dean and Chapter of Ely will be holden in the Isle of Ely.

For the Manor of Mepal, on Monday 8th May next
For the Manor of Sutton on Tuesday 9th of May next
For the Manor of Ely Porta, on Wednesday 10th May next
For the Manors of Witcham and Wentworth, on Friday 12th May next
For the Manor of Witchford, on Saturday the 13th May next.

April 21 1820
April 28 1820

An alarming fire broke out on Sunday morning about three o'clock, in the malt kiln attached to the brewery of Messrs Hall, at Ely, which for a time threatened the destruction of the whole of those extensive premises – Happily however, through its early discovery by a waterman, added to a plentiful supply of water, and the alacrity and exertions of the inhabitants, it was subdued without doing very considerable damage.

It is a fact worthy of remark, particularly in a fen country, that out of 81, the total number of burials during 1819, in the parish of Ely Trinity, the united ages of 29 (more than one third) amounted to 2317 years averaging as nearly as possible, the advanced ago of 80 years each.

Hat Manufactory
High Street Ely

F A Walter (from London) Real Hat-Maker, takes the present opportunity of returning his most sincere thanks to his friends and the public in general for the very liberal encouragement he has experienced since his commencement in business, at the same time assuring them, it shall ever be his study to merit a continuance of the same, by paying the most strict attention to their commands, manufacturing the best materials, and selling on the most reasonable terms – He also begs to state, that he has finished an entire new stock of Boys', Youths' and Men's Hats of every description, which he is determined to sell full 20 per cent under the usual prices. They will be found upon trial, to be of good quality and remarkably cheap.

Mrs Walter begs also to inform the ladies of Ely and its vicinity, she has just returned from London with an extensive and most fashionable Assortment of Straw and Leghorn Bonnets, Feathers, Flowers, fashionable Ribbons etc. which will be ready for inspection on Monday next.

NB Show-Room up stairs.

Straw and Leghorn Bonnets Cleaned, Dyed, Turned and Altered to the present fashion.

An Apprentice Wanted.

High St. April 27, 1820

May 5 1820

Miss L Smith – Has the honour to inform the Ladies of Ely and its invirons, she is now selecting a Fashionable Assortment of Millinery, Dresses, etc. which will be ready for inspection on Wednesday 10th inst.

E and L Smith beg to return their thanks for past favours, and solicit the attention of their friends to the present fashion.

London 1st May. 1820

May 12 1820

Isle of Ely – Notice is hereby given, that an Adjourned Quarter Sessions and General Sessions of the Peace will be holden at the Sessions-House in Ely, on Tuesday 16th May inst. at 11 o'clock forenoon, at which Sessions the Treasurers' Accounts for the Isle will be examined, and the propriety of an Application to Parliament for an Act for erecting a new Sessions-House and House of Correction at Ely, and for re-imbursing to the inhabitants of the Hundred of Wisbech, and north part of the Hundred of Witchford, the Charges of the Sessions House and House of Correction lately erected at Wisbech, will be taken into consideration.

Bellamy, Clerk of the Peace

Wisbech May 3.1820

May 12 1820

Marriage on Tuesday last, at Witchford, near Ely (by the Rev. B Thickens) Mr Davenport of St Ives, to Hannah daughter of Mr Cross, of the former place.

May 19 1820

A Petition from the Isle of Ely, on the depressed state of agriculture, was presented to the House of Lords, on Tuesday last, by the Bishop of Ely.

Pursuant to an Order of the Honourable House of Commons, Notice is hereby given that Application has been made to Parliament for an Act for Erecting a new Sessions-House and House of Correction at Ely, for Disposing of the present House of Correction and the Sale thereof, and the materials of the present Sessions House at Ely aforesaid, and applying the monies arising from the sale thereof towards the charges such intended Erections, for re-imbursing to the inhabitants of the Hundred of Wisbech, and North part of the Hundred of Witchford, the charges of the Sessions-House and House of Correction lately erected at Wisbech, and for power to borrow money on the credit of the rates of the isle.

Girdlestone and Wing. Solicitors

May 26 1820

To Potters

Wanted immediately, a man who can make either Staff or Foot Wheel ware –

Apply to Mr Lucas, High Street, Ely.

Cambridgeshire Militia

Notice is hereby given, that at a General meeting of the Lieutenancy of the County of Cambridge, held at the Red Lion Inn, in Cambridge, on Tuesday 23 inst., it was ordered that the

Cambridgeshire Regiment of Militia should assemble on the Market Hill, at Ely on Wednesday 7th June next, at eleven o'clock forenoon, for the purpose of being trained and exercised for the space of twenty-eight days; and all persons enrolled and serving in the said militia are hereby required to attend at Ely, on the day above mentioned, (except those whose terms of service expire this year, and who are not to appear.)

And every militia man (except as aforesaid) not labouring under any infirmity incapacitating him, who shall not appear at the time and place aforesaid, will be deemed a Deserter and forfeit £20. And every person having joined the Regiment, who shall desert or absent himself during the time of such exercise will forfeit the sum of £20.

And if such penalty shall not be immediately paid, the Justice of the Peace before whom and such militia man shall be convicted of any such offence, is empowered to commit such militia man to the House of Correction to Hard Labour, or to the Common Goal, there to remain without Bail or mainprize for six months, or until he shall have paid the said penalty.

By Order of the Lieutenancy
John Ingle
Clerk of the General Meetings
Cambridge May 23 1820

June 2 1820

Marriage – on Tuesday last, Mr John Harlock, farmer, of Ely, to Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the late Richard Pigott, Esq. of that city.

June 9 1820

June 16 1820

June 23 1820

June 30 1820

Cambridgeshire Agricultural Society

The General Annual meeting was held on 23 June, inst. at the Red Lion, in Cambridge.

An award of £2.2s was given to Thomas Tall, of the parish of St Mary, in Ely aged 60 years, who has served Mr John Cropley, of the same parish, for 32 years, as a servant in agriculture, and has brought up a family of seven children, and has never applied to his parish for relief except in time of sickness, and was particularly meritorious for honesty, sobriety, and morality.

July 7 1820

The Militia in this county, having completed their months' service, were disembodied on Tuesday at Ely. At their last parade, Lieut. Colonel Vachell, their commanding officer, in expressing his prefect approbation of the conduct of the regiment, said, that he had the satisfaction to find his own opinion of their merit confirmed by that of the magistrates of the district in which they had been assembled, who had requested him to convey to them their testimony thereof in the following terms –

The Magistrates acting in and for this division of the Isle of Ely, impressed with a due sense of the meritorious service of the regiment of militia for the county of Cambridge, during the term for which they have been embodied in this city, request of Lieut. Colonel Vachell, that he would be pleased to signify to the officers and men under his command, the general satisfaction which the magistrates and inhabitants have derived from the exemplary conduct of a corps, not less distinguished by their demeanour in quarters, than by their discipline in the field.

By order of the Magistgrates
H.R. Evans, Clerk.

And the following letter was on the same day sent by Lieut. Colonel Vachell in answer to the above communication from the Magistrates:

Ely, June 3. 1820
Sir,
I have had the honour to receive a communication from you, by order of the magistrates acting in and for this division of the Isle of Ely, expressing the general satisfaction of the magistrates and the inhabitants of this city have derived, from the conduct of the militia for the county of Cambridge,

during the time it has been assembled for training; and signifying their desire, that I would make known the same to the officers and men under my command. I beg you will assure the magistrates, that the militia of the county will set a high value on so flattering a testimony of their good conduct and discipline; and that whenever the regiment shall again be called upon to assemble, it will operate as an incentive to persevere in that course which has gained them this mark of approbation from so respectable a body – In justice to the soldiers I beg leave to say, that no coercive measures were necessary to bring them into as efficient a state as the limited time we assembled would permit; they fulfilled their duties with a cheerfulness and alacrity highly to their credit.
I have to be, Sir,
Your most obedient very humble servant
T. Vachell
Lieut. Col. Commandant Cambs. Militia
July 21 1820
Burnt Fen First District

An Adjourned meeting of the Commissioners of the above District, will be held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely on Thursday 27th July inst. at 2 o'clock afternoon.
Thomas Archer jun.
Clerk to the Commissioners.
July 28 1820
New Barns Farm, Ely

The above well-known and Truly desirable Farm is now to be Let, and may be entered upon at Michaelmas next.

It consists of a Farm House, called Highflyer Hall, with all requisite Outbuildings; and of 207 Acres of the richest Grazing Land, and of 10 Acres of Arable Land of prime quality.

The tenant of the above farm may also be accommodated with a good Fen Farm, situated in the parish of Littleport, about six miles from Ely, consisting of a Farm-house, with requisite Outbuildings and 291 acres of useful land.

These farms may be viewed on application to Mr William Papworth, the tenant, and further particulars from the office of Messrs. Evans & : jun.
Ely

August 4 1820

Death – On Monday last, at Ely, in the 32nd year of her age, Susan, the wife of Mr George Hall, brewer of that place. She endured a lingering illness with the most patient resignation and has left a family of seven children with her disconsolate husband deeply to deplore their irreparable loss.

Capital Fen Farm
Downham, near Ely
To be sold by Private Contract.
A compact farm situate in Downham Fen, consisting of Two good Dwelling Houses, Barn, Stables and other useful outbuildings, and Two Hundred and Forty-two Acres of most excellent Fen Land, lying altogether and now in a high state of cultivation. With a good Water-mill now standing on.
Possession may be had at Michaelmas
for price and particulars enquires of
Mr Charles Martin, Downham, Ely.

August 11 1820
Death – On Wednesday last, at Ely, sincerely respected by all her acquaintance, Mary, the wife of Mr Wm. Watkins Cullen, lay clerk of that Cathedral.

August 11 1802
August 18 1820
August 25 1820

Marriage – On Wednesday last, at Ely, (by the Rev George King, Prebendary of Ely) Mr Daniel Fortington, to Miss M A Peers.

September 1 1820
September 8 1820
September 15 1820
September 22 1820
Death – On Wednesday last, at Cambridge, at Mr Aaron Chevell's house, Mrs Mary Chevell, aged 63, relict of Mr Rd Chevell late of Ely.

September 29 1820
October 6 1820

Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at Ely, on Wednesday 18th October 1820, by ten of the clock, forenoon.

The several Clerks to the Justices are requested to send the Depositions and Recognizances to Mr Steed Girdlestone, the Deputy Clerk of the Peace, at Wisbech, on or before the Saturday proceeding.
Bellamy, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech.

October 6 1820
Littleport and Downham District

The General Half Yearly meeting of the Commissioners of the above District, will be held at the Club Inn, in Ely, on Wednesday 25th October, inst. at eleven o'clock forenoon.
William Marshall
Clerk to the Commissioners
N.B. A list of all persons in Arrear of Taxes will be laid before the meeting.

October 13 1820

The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Ely intends to hold a General Ordination on Sunday 12th November next; and therefore desires all those who purpose to offer themselves as Candidates for Holy Orders, to send their usual and requisite papers, under cover to his Lordship, at the Palace, Ely, three weeks before the time, accompanied with their respective addresses soon after which they will receive notice of the time and place for examination.

October 20 1820

Miss L Smith

Has the honour to inform the Ladies of Ely and its environs, she is now selecting a Fashionable Assortment of Millinery, Dresses, etc which will be ready for inspection on Thursday 2nd November next.

E and L Smithbeg to return their thanks for past favours, and solicit the attention of their friends to the present fashions.
London, October 18. 1820

October 27 1820
Burnt Fen First District.

Notice is hereby given, that a meeting of the Commissioners of the above District will be held at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 9th November next, at twelve o'clock noon for the purpose of taking into consideration a plan submitted to the last meeting, for relieving the District from the pressure of the Eau Brink Tax.
Thomas Archer Jun
Clerk to the Commissioners.

October 27 1820

At the Quarter Sessions for the Isle of Ely holden at Ely on Wednesday 18th inst. before the Rev. Sir Henry Bate Dudley, Bart. and a full bench of Magistrates, Jeremiah Roby and William Taylor were convicted of entering the dwelling house of Thos. Canham, a labouring man, at Littleport, while he was out at harvest, and stealing there from sundry articles of wearing apparel and other effects; and on another indictment for a similar offence, in the house of John Golding, of Manea.

They were sentenced to seven years' transportation and John Darby, convicted with Roby and Taylor on the indictment for the robbery in Mr Goldings' house, was sentenced to twelve months, solitary confinement in the Bridewell at Wisbech.

Tomblin Chamberlain, for stealing a box containing sundry articles of apparel from behind a one-horse chaise at Wisbech, was also sentenced to twelve months' solitary in the same prison.

William Haylock, convicted on two indictments for wanton and unprovoked assault on persons who were peaceably walking in the college in Ely, on Sunday evening 18th September last, was sentenced to two month's confinement in the Bridewell Ely.

Zachariah Nightall of Ely, and John Clarke, of Chatteris, severally convicted of assaults, were sentenced, the former to two months' imprisonment in the gaol at Ely, the latter for three months' in Wisbech Bridewell. –

There was much business of minor importance and the sessions did not close until Thursday afternoon.

The Salutary effects of the Act of the present sessions of Parliament, for the summary punishment of persons wilfully or maliciously damaging or committing trespass on public or private property, alluded to in a former paper, are daily showing themselves. –

Several convictions under this Act have already taken place in the neighbourhood of Ely, and on Monday last Wm. Manchett, Wm. Badock, and Wm. Whitehead were convicted before the Rev. J. J. Sparke, of stealing and damaging a quantity of turnips, the property of Mr John Few, at Downham, and were sentenced to pay a penalty of eleven shillings each and costs.

The damage done to the property of individuals by these petty thefts and wanton depredations is almost incredible, and we hope that the present wholesome and extensive statute will prove an important check upon these offences. The provisions of the Act extend to the 'wilfully doing or committing any damage, injury or spoil to or upon any building, fence, hedge, gate, stile, guide-post, milestone, tree, wood, underwood, orchard, garden, nursery-ground, crops, vegetables, plants, land or other matter or thing growing thereon, or to or upon real or personal property of any nature or kind whatsoever;' and the offender is subject to imprisonment and hard labour for three calendar months, if the penalty, costs and charges are not paid within the time prescribed by the magistrate.

A man has been committed to the town gaol, for further examination, on various charges of obtaining goods from several tradesmen in this place, under false pretences. He came here some weeks since, with a horse and gig, and has assumed the names of Wm. Hall Parnell, alias Phypers, alias Crofts etc. about five feet six inches, stout made, round face, dark complexion, dark eyes and hair.

November 3 1820
November 10 1820
Marriage – On Tuesday last, at Ely, Mr John Norman, gardener, to Mary Kempton, upwards of 24 years in the service of Mrs Agnes Waddington.
November 17 1820

The City of Ely was illuminated on Tuesday evening, and Huntingdon on Wednesday, in consequence of the termination of the late proceedings against the Queen.

November 24 1820
This day is published, price 2s.6d.
A Guide to the Cathedral Church and
Conventual Buildings at Ely.
Second Edition
Sold by J Deighton and Sons, and E. Goods, Cambridge, and R. Edwards Ely.

December 1 1820

On Sunday last, in memory of the late lamented Dean of Ely, Dr. Pearce, the cathedral pulpit was hung with black, and the members of the choir attended in deep mourning. In the morning a most impressive sermon was delivered by Archdeacon Cambridge the Prebendary in residence; and in the evening service a funeral anthem was performed, having been composed on the occasion by Mr. H. Skeats, organist of the Cathedral.

December 8 1820
£2,000 Wanted

Wanted, the sum of £2,000 at £5 per cent interest, on the Credit of a Special Yearly Rate of £1,200 and upwards, for the Isle of Ely, laid annually under the authority of an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, for the Erection of a next Sessions House and House of Correction at Ely.
Apply to Messrs. Girdlestone and Wing
Solicitors, Wisbech.

December 15 1820
December 22 1820

December 29 1820

Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at Wisbech, on Wednesday 10th January, 1821, by ten of the clock forenoon.

The Clerks to the Justices are requested to send the Depositions and Reconizances to Mr. Steed Girdlestone, Deputy Clerk of the Peace, at Wisbech, on or before the Saturday proceding.
Bellamy, Clerk of the Peace.

1821

January 5 1821
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Bellamy. Clerk of the Peace.

January 12 1821
Death – On Friday last, at Ely, after a short but severe illness, Ann, the wife of Mr. Wm. Watts in the 43rd year of her age.

On New Year's day, a subscription dinner was provided for the children of the Prickwillow Sabbath School, in the Isle of Ely, (in number about 60) consisting of a plentiful supply of plum pudding, beef, mutton, etc. After the children were satisfied, the teachers and other friends of the institution dined together, and were much delighted with the entertainment of the day.

January 19 1821
A meeting of the proprietors and occupiers of land in the Eastern division of the Isle of Ely, was held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on the 11th inst. Nearly all the principal farmers in the division attended and petitions to both Houses of Parliament representing the present distress of the agriculturists (for which see advt.) were agreed to and have already received upwards of 200 signatures.

A comparative view of the farming Returns and Outgoings of a village near Ely, in the years of 1791 and 1820 was exhibited at the above meeting.

January 26 1821
It has been reported in the London papers, that Gittam, the celebrated skaites against time, had met with an accident on his return home from the match; this is incorrect, the accident happened to Youngs, of Nordelph Fen, who is reckoned one of the swiftest skaiters in the Isle of Ely. He had been sent for to run for the Silver Cup at Mepal, and on his way thither, owing to the darkness of the evening, he ran against a plank that had been placed over a drain near Littleport. The consequence of which was, a broken jaw-bone and a fractured skull, he was conveyed in a senseless state to the latter place, and at the time we last heard from Ely, he was still alive.

February 2 1821
Death at Ely, on Monday last, in the 39th year of her age, after a long and painful illness which she bore with Christian fortitude, Mrs Wilks, wife of Mr Henry Wilks, grocer and draper, of that place.

On Monday last, at Stuntley near Ely, Mr John Hatch, after two days' illness, in the 75 years of his age.

The Commission of assize for the Isle of Ely, will be opened on Tuesday 27th inst. at Ely.

February 9 1821
February 16 1821
February 23 1821
The loyal address of the Freeholders of this county and the Isle of Ely will be presented to the King this day, at his Majestys' leave by Earl de la Warr.

February 23 1821

General Abstract of the Accounts of the Treasurers of the Isle of Ely to 16th May 1820, passed and allowed at a general Quarter Sessions of the Peace holden by Adjournment at Ely, on the 16th May 1820.

Receipts

	£	S	D
By balance of last accounts	625	12	4½
Isle rates	4606	16	8
Fines for False Weights	0	0	0
Repayment of Returns of the prices of corn	12	10	0
	5245	19	0½

Expenditure

	£	S	D
Paid for conveyance of Vagrants and offenders to Gaol, relieving poor Travellers, and charges of pursing Felons			
	384	7	9
Prosecution Orders at Assizes and Sessions	288	10	1
For Militia Claims	13	13	6
Expences of Gaol and Houses of Correction	541	11	6¾

February 23 1821
Abstract of Treasurers Accounts for the Isle of Ely 1821

	£	S	D
Repairs etc for Shire halls and Houses of Correction	129	14	1½
Contribution money for Prisoners in the Kings Bench and Marshalsea Prisons	5	0	0
Treasurers salaries	60	0	0
Clerk of the Peace and the Magistrates Clerks for general business	152	6	8
Coroner's Accounts	28	4	6
Salaries to the Receivers of Assize Returns	53	12	0
Salaries to the Inspectors of Weights and Balances	0	0	0
Salaries to the High Constables and others and for their incidental expenses	187	15	10½
Crier's fees at the Assize		10	6
Printing and Stationers Bills	35	18	8
Repairing Bridges	24	10	11
Conveying Felons to the Hulks	7	1	0
Sundry Incidental Expences not included under the foregoing heads	57	12	9
Balance due to the Isle	3196	18	2¾
	5245	19	0¼

March 2 1821

At Ely Assizes, before Edward Christian, Esq., Chief Justice, on Wednesday last.

Benjamin Goodley, for stealing a wooden scoop and two blankets from a lighter at Whittlesea, sentenced to three weeks hard labour.

James Gee, for stealing two pigs at March, to be imprisoned six months, and privately flogged.

John Baker, for an assault on Alice Ward at Wisbech, discharged on paying £3 to the girl.

Ann Cooper pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing several articles of drapery from a shop at Peterborough, and James Cooper guilty of receiving the same in Wisbech.

The sentences of the above and the remaining prisoners will appear in our next paper.

James Downham alias Thomas Rose, charged with stealing sundry articles at Upwell, remanded till the Summer assizes, and against Wm. Walton there was no bill.

Burnt Fen First District.
An Adjourned meeting of the Commissioners of the above District will be held at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 8th March next, at 2 o'clock afternoon.
Thos. Archer, Jun.
Clerk to the Commissioners.

March 9 1821
Marriage – On Tuesday last, at Ely, George Norris Trent, Esq., Lieutenant in the Royal Navy – to Miss Bennington, daughter of the late Robert Bennington, Esq., of that city.

Same day, Mr Thomas Hall, of Cottenham to Miss Harlock of Ely

Death – On Tuesday night, aged 33, John, fifth son of Mr John Cropley, farmer of Ely.

Isle of Ely Assizes.
At these assizes, besides the prisoners mentioned in out last;

Mary Pauley, Maria Earp, Charlotte Rhoda Shearing and Elizabeth Shearing, were charged with stealing sundry articles from the shop of Mr. Fentyman, draper of Peterborough; and Thomas Lewis, James Cooper, William Poole, Stephen Orrill, Wm Greenslade and Joseph Lowe, were indicted for receiving the same, knowing them to be stolen.

The women pleaded guilty, and the other prisoners were arraigned at the bar, when, after a trial of some length, the jury returned a verdict of guilty against James Cooper only.

The same female prisoners were then indicted for a similar offence at the shop of Mr. Squier, draper, of Wisbech, and the men as being accessories therein. The jury found the following seven prisoners guilty who were sentenced as under.

Lewis transportation 14 years; Poole and Cooper to be once publicly whipped at Ely and twice at Wisbech within the period of two months; Anne Pauley and Maria Earp to be imprisoned one year in the House of Correction at Wisbech; C Rhoda Shearing to be imprisoned one week only (on account of her youth) and taken home to her friends. Eliza Shearing, not guilty – James Sea, for stealing six fowls at Sutton, to be imprisoned one month at hard labour, and publicly whipped.

Sampson, Jones and Major Fish, for stealing a saddle to be twice publicly whipped, and kept to hard labour six months.

Wm Howsden, for stealing a duck at Chatteris to be imprisoned for a fortnight.

March 16 1821
March 23 1821
March 30 1821

April 6 1821
Death – on Friday last, at Ely, Mr John Race Lucas.

April 9 1821
Death – On Friday last, at Witchford near Ely, Mr Charles Cross, a respectable farmer of that place.

April 13 1821
Death – On the 5th inst. At the College in Ely, Mrs Rebecca Durham, aged 63.

April 20 1821
Notice is hereby given, that the general Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at Ely, on Wednesday 2nd May by ten of the clock forenoon.

The Several Clerks to the Justices are requested to send the several Depositions and Recognizances to Mr Steed Girdlestone, the Deputy Clerk of the Peace, at Wisbech, on or before the Saturday preceding.
Bellamy, Clerk of the Peace.

Burnt Fen First District.
A General Half Yearly Meeting of the Commissioners of the above District, will be held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely on Friday 20th April inst. at 10 o'clock forenoon pursuant to Act of Parliament; but that in consequence of the above mentioned day being Good Friday, a proposition will be made for the Postponement of the business of the day, beyond the assessment of the current years' taxes, to the next meeting.
Thomas Archer jun.
Clerk to the Commissioners

April 27 1821
The Cambridgeshire militia are to assemble at Market Hill, Ely on Wednesday 16th May next, to be trained and exercised for 21 days.
And all persons enrolled and serving in the said Militia, are hereby required to attend at Ely, on the day above-mentioned (except those whose terms of service expire this year, and who are not to appear).

And every Militia man (except as aforesaid) not labouring under any infirmity incapacitating him, who shall not appear at the time and place aforesaid, will be deemed a Deserter, and forfeit £20.
And every person having joined the Regiment, who shall desert or absent himself during the time of such Exercise, and shall not be taken until after the time of such Exercise, will forfeit the sum of £20.
And if such Penalty shall not be immediately paid, the Justice of the Peace before whom any such Militia man shall be convicted of any such offence, is empowered to commit such Militia man to the House of correction, to hard labour, or to the common Gaol, there to remain without bail or mainprize, for the space of six months, or until he shall have paid the said penalty.
By order of the Lieutenancy
John Ingle
Clerk of the General Meetings.

May 4 1821
On Sunday last, the murdered body of a new-born male infant was found in a ditch near the bridge at Ely. It was tied up in a piece of coarse green morine, in which were three brickbats for the purpose of sinking it.
The child had evidently been born alive.
The body was much mutilated, having a wound in the left temple, which had penetrated the brain and appeared to have been inflicted with a sharp instrument. Three of the ribs were broken, and there were several severe bruises on the head and neck. An inquest was taken upon view of the body, by Mr Evans, one of the coroners for the isle, and the jury, which was highly respectable, unanimously returned a verdict of wilful murder against some person or persons unknown.
We earnestly hope the perpetrators of this horrible deed will be brought to light.

May 11 1821
Isle of Ely Sessions.
Rev Sir H B Dudley, Bart. in the chair.

James Stevens and Thomas Rowell, convicted of uttering several shillings and half-crown pieces knowing them to be base and counterfeit, were sentenced to one year's imprisonment, and afterwards to find sureties for 12 months for their good behaviour.

John Dean, for stealing a watch and purse containing 12s. out of a lighter at Wisbech, the property of James Mann, was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment.

George Mustell, John Mustell and Joshua Gothard, convicted of an assault upon Susannah Pedley, in the parish of Haddenham, sentenced to three months imprisonment.
John Pattison and John Lowe, for riotously assembling before the house of Wm. Alderton, in the parish of Haddenham, breaking his windows, and violently assaulting and beating him on the night of 3rd January last, were severally sentenced to three months imprisonment.

May 18 1821
We are informed that the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Ely, intends to hold his second quadrennial visitation and confirmation at Ely, on Wednesday June 27th for the Deanery of Ely.

June 1 1821
Burnt Fen First District.
Notice is hereby given, that a meeting of the Commissioners of the above District, will be held at the Bell Inn, in Ely on Thursday 7th June inst. at two o'clock afternoon, pursuant to adjournment from the last meeting.
Dated 28th May 1821
Thomas Archer jun.
Clerk to the Commissioner.

June 8 1821
Ely – June 6th – The Cambridgeshire Militia.

Having been trained 21 days under the command of Lieut.-Col Vachell, were disembodied in this city on Wednesday. The conduct of this respectable national corps throughout their time of service has been highly meritorious and exemplary. On Saturday last they had a grand field day, when they went through their evolutions and firings so much to the satisfaction of their commanding officer, that on their return to the parade he announced to the regiment his perfect approbation of their steadiness under arms, adding, that he should have felt gratified if they had passed that creditable review in the presence of some distinguished general officer of the line.

New Light Post-Coach.
It is respectfully announced to the Public, that on Friday the 8th inst. a Light Post Coach called
The Times
Will start from the Duke's Head Lynn, through Downham and Ely, to the Black Bull Inn, Cambridge, to join the Wisbech Coach; which will convey Passengers and Parcels direct to London; where they will arrive the next morning at half-past five o'clock.
The Times will start from Lynn every Monday Wednesday and Friday afternoon, at half-past three o'clock, and return from Cambridge the following mornings at half-past three o'clock to Lynn, where it arrives at half-past nine.
The convenience of this establishment must be obvious to every Traveller upon business or pleasure. It combines with a Night Conveyance to London, an opportunity (either going or returning) of spending a few hours at Cambridge, and of then proceeding either to London or to Lynn.
In short, no effort will be wanting to render The Times a convenient and pleasant medium of conveyance. And the Proprietors rely upon the liberality of their friends and the public to sanction this arrangement by their support and patronage.

J Arrow
J Gotobed & Co. Proprietors

Who cannot be accountable for the loss or injury of any parcel or passenger's luggage above the value of Five Pounds, unless entered and paid for as valuable.

June 15 1821
The Assize for the Isle of Ely will be holden at Wisbech on Monday 2nd July next.

June 22 1821
June 29 1821
Valuable Fen Farm
To be Sold by Auction
By Messrs. Isaacson
By Order of the Executors of the late Wootton Isaacson, Gent, on Thursday 12th July 1821, at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, at four o'clock afternoon subject to such conditions of sale as will be then and there produced, unless sooner disposed of by private contract.
All that very capital farm commonly called or known by the name of Mott's farm, situate at Hilgay Norfolk, about equidistant between Ely and Market Downham about one mile from the turnpike Road, comprising a good farm House, Barn, Stables together with upwards of three Hundred and Sixty Acres of fertile Arable Land.
For further particulars apply to the Rev. J K Isaacson Isleham or to Messrs. Isaacson Estate Agents and Surveyors.

July 6 1821
Isle of Ely – Freehold and Fine Certain Estates
To be Sold by Private Contract
Either together or in Lots

A Small farm together with Farm House with convenient Yards and Outbuildings and about Fifty-One Acres of excellent Land, in Littleport and now in occupation of Mr Christopher Crabb. Twenty four Acres are Freehold the remainder Copy-hold, Fine Certain.
Particulars from Mr. W, Sutton, or to Mr George Day
Solicitor, St Ives.

July 13 1821
Death – On the 2nd inst. at Ely, in the 13th year of her age, Harriet, youngest daughter of Alexander Simson, Esq. of Barr- street, London.

July 20 1821
Death on the 12th inst., aged 56, highly respected, William Layton, Esq., of Woodhouse, near Ely.

Isle of Ely – Auxiliary Bible Society.
The Eighth Annual meeting will be held in Ely, on Thursday, July 26th 1821

July 27 1821
Ely, near the Waterside,
W.W.Orriss respectfully informs his friends and the public in general, that he is selling (by commission) the fine rough-flavoured 7s.4d. Tea, at 6s.4d.; and fine 8s, Green at 7s. and other Teas proportionably cheap. – W.O is confident that those who think well to favour him with their commands, will be highly pleased with the quality of these Teas, and he warrants there shall be no falling off.

August 3 1821
The Bishop of Ely concluded his third annual quadrennial visitation and confirmation on Wednesday last when his Lordship confirmed a number of children belonging to that Deanery.

The annual meeting of the Isle of Ely auxiliary Bible society was held on the 26th ult. at Ely, the attendance on which occasion was not so numerous as the preceding anniversaries. The Rev. J. Owen, one of the Secretaries of the Parent Institutions, and several other gentlemen, addressed the meeting with considerable effect.

August 10 1821
August 17 1821
August 24 1821
August 31 1821
September 7 1821
September 14 1821
Marriage – On Tuesday last, Mr George Hall, brewer, of Ely to Harriet daughter of Mr Archer, solicitor, of Bar on Place Suffolk.

September 21 1821
The Lord Bishop of Ely will hold an ordination in that city, on Sunday 28th October next.

September 28 1821
A handsome and commodious new Court House is building at Ely, by Mr. Humfrey, which will be completed, and opened for holding the quarter sessions of that isle, on Wednesday 17th October.

Turnpike Tolls to be Let
Notice is hereby given, that the Tolls arising at the Turnpike Gate on the road leading from Cambridge to Ely, called or known by the name of Bug's Pond Turnpike Gate, will be Let by Auction for three years, from 2nd October next, to the best bidder, at the house of John Hawkins,

called or known by the Club Inn, in Ely aforesaid, on Saturday 29th September inst. between 2 and 4 in the afternoon, in the manner directed by the Act passed in the 13th year of the reign of his Majesty King George the Third. "for regulating the Turnpike Roads.", which Tolls produced the last three years, the sum of £427 per ann. above the expence of collecting them, and will be put up at such sum per annum as the Trustees present at the said meeting shall agree upon.

Whoever happens to be the best bidder, must at the same time give security, with sufficient sureties, to the satisfaction of the Trustees, for payment of the rent agreed for, and at such times as they shall direct.
Dated 1st September 1821
H.R.Evans
Treasurer and Clerk to the Trustees.

October 5 1821
Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at Ely, on Wednesday 17th October, by ten of the clock forenoon.
The several Clerks to the Justices are requested to send the Depositions and Recognizances to Mr. Steed Girdlestone, the Deputy Clerk of the Peace at Wisbech, on or before the Saturday proceeding.
Bellamy,
Clerk of the Peace Wisbech.

Wanted immediately, a Youth of respectable connexions, as an apprentice to the Drapery and Grocery Business.
Apply to H. Wilks, Fore hill, Ely.

October 12 1821
Burnt Fen First District
A General Half-yearly meeting of the Commissioners of the above District, will be held at the Bell Inn, in Mildenhall, on Friday 19th October inst. at twelve o'clock noon.
Thos. Archer
Clerk to the Commissioners.

W. Lane Druggist and Chemist.
Fore Hill Ely

Begs leave to return his sincere acknowledgements to those friends who have been pleased to favour him with their patronage, and assures them it will always be his study (by a strict attention to business, and keeping Chemical Drugs, and every other article genuine) to merit their future favors.
Patent Medicines and Perfumery Ladies' Tortoise Shell and other combs, Cloth, Hair, Nail and Toothbrushes of superior quality.
Wax and Spermaceti Candles.
Cattle Medicines. Sheep Ointment warranted.

October 26 1821
Ely sessions
The Rev. Sir H Bate Dudley, Bart. Chairman
The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for this isle, was holden on Wednesday 17th inst. for the first time in the new Court House, erected by Charles Humfrey Esq.
The following prisoners were convicted and sentenced: John Newbound and Ambrose Burrows, for stealing a quantity of wool out of the barn of Hardy Johnson Esq., of Elm, to be transported for life.

Robert Crofts, for stealing a quantity of beans out of a lighter, the property of Messrs Comings and Wedd, - six months' imprisonment in solitary confinement.

Edward Carr, for stealing an ass out of the ground of Thomas Johnson, to be imprisoned for six months.

Elizabeth Young, for stealing various articles of cotton, and a Westley's Hymn Book, the property of her master, John Weldon of Chatteris, to be imprisoned for 12 months.

Thomas Colestown, for ill-treatment of his son, in not allowing him proper food, and suffering him to expose himself for want of clothing, in the public highway, in the hamlet of Manea, to be imprisoned one month.

Charles Brown, for refusing to maintain his wife and family, and leaving them chargeable to the parish of Chatteris, to be publicly whipped in the town of Wisbech.

November 2 1821
E A Westwood – Linen Draper,
Silk mercer, Hosier, Haberdasher, Laceman, etc.
Corner of Broad Street, Ely
Successor to Mr. J King.

Returns his most sincere thanks to the inhabitants of Ely and its vicinity, for the very liberal encouragement he has experienced since his commencement in business, which he will ever make his constant study to merit.
E A Westwood having disposed of the greater part of the old stock, begs leave to state he is just returned from London with an entire New Stock, adapted for the Winter season from the first houses in Town, it being his fixed determination that his stock shall comprise articles of the first quality; and being bought entirely for cash, will enable him to offer them upon such terms as will ensure to him the confidence of those friends who may be pleased to favour him with their commands.
Ely. Nov.1.1821

November 9 1821
Burnt Fen First District – Proposed Survey
In pursuance of an order made at the last Half Yearly Meeting held at the Bell Inn, in Mildenhall on Friday 19th October last, I do hereby given Notice, that a Special meeting of the Commissioners will be held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely on Thursday 15th November inst. at twelve noon, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of making a fresh survey of the District, and on other business.
Thomas Archer Jun.
Clerk to the Commissioners.

November 16 1821
Marriage – On Wednesday last, at Witcham, in the Isle of Ely, Mr Charles Cross, farmer and Grazier, of Witchford, to Rebecca, only daughter of Mr Robert Poole of the former place.

November 23 1821
Birth – On Saturday last, in the College Ely, the lady of the Rev H Fordell, of a daughter.

Marriage on the 13th inst. Mr Green Kempton, of Ely to Miss Mary Ann Blyth of Reepham, Norfolk.

Burnt Fen First District – To Land Surveyors.
The Commissioners of the above District intend to meet at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Thursday the 13th December next at twelve o'clock noon, for the purpose of Contracting for the Survey of the District, in pursuance of an order made at the last meeting. The District contains upwards of 14,000 Acres of Land, most of the farms are perfectly compact in plots of 300 acres and upwards, the outside fences running in right lines to the main droveways, and of those farms the Surveyor will only be required to give the entire contents without regarding the interior fences. A map must be delivered with the Survey, but the Surveyor will have the assistance of the maps now in use.

Any persons desirous of engaging the Survey, are requested personally to attend the meeting before mentioned, and to be prepared with testimonials of their ability to execute the work.
In the mean time any further particulars relative to the survey may be obtained from
Mr Archer, of Ely.
Clerk to the Commissioners.

Burnt Fen First District
Payment of Taxes Postponed.
The Commissioners of the above District, taking into consideration the severe pressure of the times upon Agricultural Interest, and feeling desirous of affording every accommodation in their power to the Occupiers in Burnt Fen, have unanimously resolved to Postpone the Collection of the Taxes which became payable on the 1st October last, until the last seven days of February next.
Thomas Archer, Jun.
Clerk to the Commissioners.

November 30 1821
December 7 1821
December 14 1821
December 21 1821
Mr Gaze, of Norwich, was appointed Surveyor of Burnt Fen District, on the 13th inst. at the meeting in Ely. Between 20 and 30 surveyors from different parts of the country attended.
The waters in the Fens are extremely high at the present time.

The Windmill Public House
Downham near Ely.
To be Let, and entered upon the 25th December 1821
Enquire of J P Twiss or C Poole,
East Rd. Brewery, Cambridge.

December 28 1821.

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January 4 1822
The damage in the Fens, occasioned by the floods, has been less than was generally apprehended. Several breaches of different banks have taken place, some of which were speedily repaired, and in other instances due precaution was taken to render the effects of such accidents as little detrimental as possible. The waters still continue at an alarming height, although they have fallen within the last few days.

January 11 1822
Marriage – On Wednesday 2nd inst. Mr Henry Wilks, grocer and draper, of Ely, to Miss Barker, of Foulmire.

High Street Ely.

The Misses Doswell beg leave to inform their friends, their School will re-open on Monday 21st inst.

January 18 1822
January 25 1822
February 1 1822
February 8 1822
February 15 1822
The assizes for the Isle of Ely will commence on Monday 25th inst. at Ely.

Death – On the 11th inst. at Ely, greatly respected by his numerous friends, and sincerely lamented by his family, William Ingram, Gent.
He had retired from business a few years –
The urbanity of his manners made his company at all times agreeable; and the soundness of his judgement was frequently called into action by his neighbours, to settle little differences between them.

Burnt Fen First District
Payment of Taxes – Notice is hereby given, that the Commissioners of the said District did, at a General half-yearly Meeting, holden at the Lamb Inn, in Ely on Friday 20th April, 1821, assess, rate, tax, and charge all and singular the Fen Lands and Low Grounds within the said District, with a tax of 1s.6d. per acre, and a gradual tax not exceeding 1s.6d. per acre, and a further gradual tax not exceeding 3s per acre, on each and every acre of the said Fen and Low Lands, and so in proportion for any less quantity than an acre.
And which said several taxes have been ordered by the Commissioners to be paid to me, at my office in Ely, within the last seven days of February inst. And Notice is hereby also given that any person liable to the payment of the said rates and Taxes, and omitting to pay the same to me for 20 days from the time so appointed for payment thereof, will forfeit and be required to pay to the said Commissioners, by way of penalty for such omission, the sum of 3s.4d. for every 20s of the rates and Taxes which shall be so in arrear and unpaid, and so in proportion for any less sum than 20s.
Dated 1st February, 1822
Thomas Archer, jun.
Treasurer and Clerk to the Commissioners.

February 22 1822
March 1 1822
The Commission of Assize was opened on Monday 25th inst. at the new Shire Hall, Ely – on the following morning his Lord, Chief-Justice Christian, attended divine service at the Cathedral, where an appropriate discourse was delivered by the Rev. G. Miller, M.A. Minor Canon of Ely, after which his Lordship proceeded to the Court. On giving his charge to the Grand Jury, the Chief Justice took occasion to remark on the elegance and beauty of the structure, as well as the commodious arrangements which have been made for facilitating public business.

The first prisoner put to the bar was Edward Harrison, charged with having broken into the dwelling house of Joseph Barker, of Newton, in the Isle of Ely, farmer, and with having stolen thereout divers articles.

Guilty of having stolen to the amount of 2s. sentence, transportation for seven years.

There was no true bill against Edward Marshall for an attempt to commit an unnatural crime.

Thomas Harrison stood charged with having stolen a gun, the property of Thomas Covell, a publican of Thetford in the Isle.

This case was considered by the Court as a mere act of trespass, as the prisoner was about to purchase the gun in question – acquitted.

John Coulson was indicted for stealing one fowl the property of Mr Jacob Dobson, of March.

Guilty, to be taken from Ely to Wisbech House of Correction, and whipped on the road thither at March on Friday next and to be discharged the Tuesday following.

William Grey stood charged with having stolen a sorrel mare, the property of Mr Joseph Swaine, of Guyhurn – Guilty – Death.

Thomas Warren was indicted for stealing a gelding the property of Mr Thomas Mills, of Whittlesea. The intent to steal was clearly proved against him, and the jury gave a verdict of guilty – Death.

William Stalley stood charged with having broken into the dwelling-house of John Long, of Witcham Hithe on Feb. 19 1821, and having stolen thereout silver coin to the amount of £2.13s.6d.

To be publicly whipped at Ely and kept to hard labour in the house of correction at Ely for one month.

Joseph Salisbury indicted for stealing a pair of breeches from a hedge-row, the property of William Shilling, of Chatteris, labourer.

To be whipped publicly at Chatteris on Monday week, on the road to Wisbech House of correction, there to be detained three weeks longer.

Mary Austin stood indicted for stealing from a cotton bag, a quantity of silver coin, and a pen-knife, property of Mr. John Whitehead, of Whittlesea, inn-keeper, no proof of prisoner having stolen the silver, but guilty of stealing the pen-knife and bag. Four months' imprisonment at Wisbech, the first and last week, solitary confinement.

March 8 1822
March 15 1822
March 22 1822
The Spring Courts of the Rev. the Dean and Chapter of Ely will be holden for the Isle of Ely.

For the Manor of Mepal, on Monday 22nd April next.
For the Manor of Sutton, on Tuesday 23rd April next.
For the Manor of Ely Porta, on Wednesday 24th April next.
For the Manors of Witcham and Wentworth, on Friday 26th April next.
For the Manor of Witchford, on Saturday 27th April next.

March 29 1822
April 5 1822
The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at Ely, on Wednesday, 17th April, 1822, by ten of the clock forenoon.
The several Clerks to the Justices are requested to send the Deposition and Recognizances to Mr Steed Girdlestone, the Deputy Clerk of the Peace, Wisbech, on or before the Saturday preceding.
Bellamy Clerk of the Peace.

Burnt Fen First District – A General half-yearly meeting of the Commissioners will be held at the Lamb Inn, Ely, on Friday 19th April inst. at 11 o'clock forenoon.
Thomas Archer, Junr.

April 12 1822
April 19 1822
Messrs Pitt and Myrton – Proprietors of the London, Cambridge, Ely, and Lynn Fly Vans
Late with Messrs Shepherd of London.
Beg leave to return their sincere thanks for the encouragement given them by a generous Public and at the same time inform them, they do not continue to work any longer to Messrs Shepherd's Office, but have removed their Van to Messrs Deacon and Co.'s Inn, The White Horse, Cripplegate, London, to which place their friends will please to direct their goods.
Messrs Pitt and Myrton are happy in stating that they have joined Messrs Deacon and Co. in whose names the Business will in future be conducted, and they are confident this alteration will merit the approbation and support of their friends and the Pubic, and that it will take place on Monday next 22nd inst.
The above Vans will leave Lynn, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings, at six o'clock; the Kings Arms, Ely at 2 o'clock; New Red Lion, Bridge St., Cambridge, at 5 o'clock:- Arrive at the White Horse Inn, Cripplegate, London, at 4 o'clock in the morning, and return from thence the same day Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

April 26 1822
Ely Sessions
Sir Henry B. Dudley, Bart. in the chair.
The following convictions etc. took place on Wednesday and Thursday 17th and 18th inst.

Charles Reeve, for stealing a great coat at Newton, the property of J. Hilston. Sentenced to one months' imprisonment.

Geo. Scole, alias Watson and Joseph Cox, for fraudulently obtaining money on a cancelled country banker's note, to be imprisoned 3 months.

James Hostler, for assaulting and beating J. Stables, of Littleport, one months' imprisonment.

Michael Farmer, and three others, for minor offences of assault, to be imprisoned for a few weeks.

On an appeal against an order for removal of Wm. Franklin from Haddenham to Manea, the order was quashed.

On an indictment against William Coatman, for feloniously carrying away a quantity of dung, the property of John Liston, of the parish of Haddenham, after the property had been transferred from the defendant by a bill of sale, to ---- Johnson Esq.; verdict returned – not guilty.

May 3 1822
We are informed that at Downham in the Isle of Ely, the most wanton depredations have been perpetrated by night, the church of which parish has recently been broken open, all the books and testaments sacrilegiously destroyed, and the windows of the rectory broken to pieces.
At Ely, an attempt was made on Sunday night last, to set fire to the corn granary of Mr Wilson, which, however was fortunately prevented by the vigilance of the nightly watch lately established in that city.

May 10 1822
Death – On Sunday last at Ely, after a few days illness, Mr Simson, miller, of that place.

May 17
Death – On Sunday last, at Stretham, aged 75 years much respected, Mrs Kempton, relict of the late Mr Samuel Kempton, of Ely.

May 24 1822
To be Let – 40 Acres of Wash Land, in the parish of Downham in the Isle of Ely.
Inquire of William Barnes, Manea.

May 31 1822
June 7 1822
The assizes for the Isle of Ely, will commence on Monday afternoon 24th inst. at Wisbech.

June 14 1822
Ely
Sale of Buildings and Building Materials
To be Sold by Auction – By Mr C. Legge.
At the White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 4th July between the hours of 5 and 7 in the evening, under the authority of an Act of Parliament lately passed for erecting a New Sessions House and House of Correction in the Isle of Ely.

The extensive Building heretofore use as the House of Correction at Ely, with the Yard and Appurtenances thereto belonging, and the Dwelling House thereto adjoining, with the piece of Land lying behind the same; and also the materials of the Building heretofore used as the Sessions House, at Ely, in the undermentioned lots, or in such other lots as may be thought fit, and subject to such conditions of sale as shall be then produced.

Lot 1. The ancient House of Correction, situate in Goal Street, in Ely, with Yard and part of the Garden belonging thereto, as now staked out and partly fenced off, - being Freehold.
Lot 2. A Dwelling House in the same street, adjoining lot 1, with the piece of Land behind the same, as it is now staked out, - being Leasehold under the Rev. the Dean and Chapter of Ely.
Lot 3. The Materials of every description of the ancient Sessions House now standing in the Market Place, in Ely, some of them large Scantlings.

Further particulars may be known on application to Messrs. Girdlestone and Wing, Solicitors, Wisbech, or to Messrs Evans and Archer jun. Solicitors, Ely at whose office a plan of Lot 1 and 2 may be seen.

June 21 1822
Marriage – On the 10th inst. Mr Peter Spencely, to Miss Rebecca Kempton, both of Ely.

June 28 1822
Burnt Fen First District
Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Commissioners of the above District, will be held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 4th July next at twelve o'clock noon, pursuant to adjournment from the last meeting.
Thos. Archer jun.
Clerk to the Commissioners

Ely – W. Russell having retired from the Ironmongery and Braziery Business, takes the earliest opportunity of returning thanks to his numerous friends for their liberal support while in the above line, and at the same time begs leave to recommend his successor Mr J. Gross, who, he is confident will use every endeavour to merit a continuance of the same.

Jacob Gross
Wholesale and Retail Ironmonger
Manufacturer of Braziery and Tin goods and Dealer in Oils, Colours, Tar etc.
Having taken the above concern, respectfully requests the support of the friends of his predecessor, and the public, assuring them that every exertion shall be made to merit their protection, and that he is determined to offer every article in the above branches on the lowest terms.

Ely, June 24, 1822.

July 5 1822
Ladies' Seminary, Ely
The Misses Wilks avail themselves of this opportunity of acknowledging the kind patronage received from their friends and beg to inform them and the public that their Midsummer Vacation will terminate July 15 1822.

Jul 12 1822
July 19 1822
July 26 1822
August 2 1822
August 9 1822
Free Public House - Red Lion Inn, Ely
The above well-known and good accustomed Inn will be Let by Auction, by C. Legge, on the premises, on Thursday 5th September next, between the hours of 4 and 6 in the afternoon, for seven years from Michaelmas next, subject to such conditions as shall be then produced, (unless an acceptable offer for hiring the same by Private Contract shall be made in the mean time.)
The above inn has been established for upwards of two centuries as a Market House, is situated in the centre of the town of Ely; has excellent Stabling and accommodations for Brewing, and is capable of being made a valuable concern by a clever spirited person, being entirely free from Brewer, Wine-merchant, or Liquor Merchant; and may be entered upon at Michaelmas next when the present Lease expires.
Particulars enquire of Messrs Evans and Archer jun.

August 16 1822
Red Lion Inn, Ely.
The Public are respectfully informed that the above Inn, which was advertized to be Let by Auction on the 5th September next, has been Let by Private Contract.

August 23 1822
Mr James Graves, deceased.
All persons having any demand on the Estate and Effects of Mr James Graves, late of Ely, boatwright, deceased, are requested forthwith to send an account to Mr. Wm. Laws, or Mr John Button, the Executors under his Will; and all persons who stood indebted to the said deceased, are requested to pay the amount of their respective debts to the Executors within two months from the date hereof.

Wm Laws
John Button — Executors

Ely August 8 1822

August 30 1822
September 6 1822
September 13 1822
September 20 1822
September 27 1822
Whereas Joseph Taylor, of Littleport, in the Isle of Ely, farmer, by indenture bearing date 20th September inst. did assign all his personal Estate and effects unto Robert Muriel, of Ely, in the said Isle, surgeon, upon certain trusts for the benefit of the creditors of the said Joseph Taylor; Notice is hereby given, that the said deed of assignment now lies at the office of Messrs. Evans and Archer, jun, of Ely, for the inspection and signature of the said creditors, and that such of them as shall fail to execute the same, or to signify in writing their intention so to do, within one month from the date hereof, will be excluded all benefits arising therefrom.
Ely Sept. 21 1822

October 4 1822
Ely – To Merchants, Watermen, and Others
Seven Capital Lighters
To be Sold by Auction. By Dix and Marshall on Thursday 10th October inst. at the Quay-side – Ship Inn in Ely.
The following Seven capital Lighters

Lot	1	Fore Lighter	Lot	5	Open Ditto
	2	House ditto		6	Open ‘’
	3	Deck’d ‘’		7	Decked ‘’
	4	House ‘’			

All in excellent condition – will be sold without reserve. Nine months’ credit upon approved joint security

A Dinner will be provided at the Ship Inn at 2 o’clock and the sale begins precisely at 4.

To Merchants Watermen and Others
Capital Gang of Lighters and Boats
To be Sold by Auction by Dix and Marshall
On Friday 18th October, next.
At the Ship Inn, Ely.
the following Lighters and Boats
Two Capital Lighters, burthen 10 chaldron
1 ditto, burthen 9 chaldron; 1 Ditto burthen 8 chaldron; 1 ditto burthen 6 chaldron; a seven ton boat; 3 six ton boats; 2 four ton boats, a three ton boat; horse Boat, milking Boat and fen Boat.

N.B. The above are in excellent condition and nearly new and were the property of the late Mr James Greaves
Four months’ credit will be given for all Lots above £2 on approved joint security.
The sale will begin at 2 o’clock, and a Dinner will be provided at the Ship Inn, which will be on the table precisely at one o’clock.
Ely 26 September 1822

To Be Let by Private Contract
A Boatwright’s yard with Sheds etc.: and an excellent Dwelling House, with Yard and Garden at the back thereof, now in full Trade, and where an extensive business has been carried on for more than half a century.
Enquire on the auctioneers, Ely
(One Concern)

October 11 1822
Notice is hereby given that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at Ely, on Wednesday 16th October 1822 by ten of the clock forenoon.
The Several Clerks to the Justices are requested to send the Depositions and Recognizances to Mr Steed Girdlestone, the Deputy Clerk of the Peace, at Wisbech, on or before the Saturday preceding.
Bellamy, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech.

October 18 1822
October 25 1822
Ely Quarter Sessions
The Rev. Sir Hen. B. Dudley, Bart. Chairman.

An appeal was heard against an order of removal from the parish of March, in the isle, to that of Tid St. Mary’s, in Norfolk, when the order was confirmed.

Thomas Selby was convicted of stealing a scythe from a fellow labourer, and sentenced to 3 months' imprisonment.

Benjamin Ward, for an assault in whipping a boy named James Bates, in the street of Upwell, fined 20s.

Charles Lovell, for repeatedly absconding from his wife and children, and leaving them chargeable to the parish of Holy Trinity Ely, was sentenced to one months' imprisonment and to be publicly whipped.

Thomas Hobson, convicted of a desperate assault on John Gowler, in the parish of Thorney, with a knife, and severely wounding him on the head, was sentenced to be imprisoned 12 months in the gaol at Ely.

Medames Smith
Present their grateful acknowledgements to the inhabitants of Ely and its invirons, for their past favours, and begs to inform them, L. Smith is in London selecting for the season an assortment of fashionable Millinery, Dresses, Pelisses, Shawls, etc. with a variety of Articles for Dresses to which they respectfully solicit their favours and attention, on Wednesday 30th inst.

Whereas Edward Ingram, of Ely, Lime Merchant, has by indenture of assignment bearing the date 17th October inst. assigned all his personal estate and Effects to Trustees, for the benefit of his Creditors; Notice is hereby given, that the Deed of Assignment is left at the office of Evans and Archer, jun. Solicitors, Ely, for the inspection and signature of the said creditors, and that such of them as shall fail to execute the same, or to signify their assent to the provisions thereof, within one month from the date of the said Deed, will be excluded all benefit arising therefrom.
Ely October 22nd 1822

November 1 1822
Burnt Fen Survey
Notice to Proprietors and Occupiers
Notice is hereby given, that the Survey of Burnt Fen First District, which was ordered to be made by Mr. Marker Gaze, land-surveyor, of Norwich is completed, and that the Map and Reference Book will be left at the Bell Inn, in Ely on Thursday 14th November next, from 10 till 2 o'clock, for the inspection of the Proprietors and Occupiers of Land in the District; and that it is intended to Assess the Taxes for the present year from the said Survey.

And Notice is further given, that a Meeting of the Commissioners of the said District will be held at the Bell Inn aforesaid, on the said 14th November next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment from the last meeting.
Thos Archer Jun.
Clerk to the Commissioners

November 8 1822
The Lord Bishop of Ely has appointed William Watson, Esq. of Wisbech, to the patent office of Chief Bailiff of the Royal Franchise of the Isle of Ely, on the resignation of Francis Bagge Esq. – Mr Bentham in his History of Ely, informs us that "The Franchise of Ely is one of the most ancient of the kind in the whole kingdom, and may be traced back as far as the 7th Century, and as it is most probably the most ancient so does it contain a large district and has more powers and privileges belonging to it than any other Franchise except that of the Bishop of Durham." – The Office of Chief Bailiff is of high importance, being equivalent in the Isle to that of High Sheriff in a County. It has been conducted satisfactorily for thirty years by Mr. Bagge, and, from the known character of Mr. Watson, we may rely with confidence that the duties of the office will be performed and the ancient "powers and privileges" of the Isle upheld by him with equal propriety and satisfaction.

Mr Watson has appointed Mr. Wing of Wisbech, his Deputy Chief Bailiff.

At Ely fair, on the 29th ult. there was a considerable show of horses, cows and young stock; very little business however, was transacted.

Last week was committed to Ely gaol (by Sir H. B. Dudley, Bart.) Ann Peters aged about 11 years, charged with stealing 18 sovereigns from Chettisham toll-gate house, about 2 miles from Ely, the property of Mr. Sayles; and Elizabeth Peters, her mother, charged with receiving the same, knowing them to be stolen.

On Saturday evening last between the hours of 7 and 8, whilst John Fisher, an industrious dairyman, residing in a house adjoining the Lion Holt, in Babylon, in Ely, with his wife and family, took a walk to the fair, some villains entered his house and broke open his bureau, and stole thereout £23 in notes, half a dozen silver tea-spoons, and 2 silver table spoons.

A large fowling piece and half a sack of meal had been brought to the water-side, but the thieves on seeing Fisher and his family return rather to soon for them, decamped; great hopes are entertained that they will be discovered and brought to justice. An entrance was made by taking out a pane of glass, and opening the window; they cut a candle, which they kept light all the time they continued there.

Great decrease in the value of Fen Land
A person in the neighbourhood of Prickwillow, near Ely, three years ago hired a farm there for £150 per annum and paid all the outgoings.

A short time before Michaelmas last his landlord entered a distress for a year and a half's rent, due on the Lady-day preceding; on investigation the matter, the landlord, much to his credit, cancelled the lease, reduced his rent for the current year £100, and granted him a fresh lease for 3 years from Lady-day next, for £75 per annum, making an abatement of one half of his rent.

November 15 1822
November 22 1822
November 29 1822
Marriage – On Monday last, at Stuntney nr Ely, Mr Matthew Hills, to Mary, eldest daughter of Mr Long, of that place.

Death – On Monday last, after a few days illness, Mr John Spenceley, many years landlord at the Bell Inn Ely.

December 6 1822
To Bootmakers – One or Two Journeymen wanted – may have constant employ and good wages, by applying to Mr James Wilks, Boot-makers Ely.

On Tuesday last were committed to the gaol of Ely, (by the Rev. Sir H. B. Dudley, Bart.) as rogues and vagabonds, Jonathan Brooks, Mary, his wife, and Jonathan their son, together with Adam Williams and Rebecca Williams their relatives, who were apprehended on travelling through the isle with a forged pass, representing themselves as having landed in great distress from the West Indies, and fraudulently collecting alms for their relief.
Also (by the same magistrate), David Dickenson, charged with uttering a quantity of counterfeit half-crowns and shillings, as the current coin of the realm.

December 13 1822
Burnt Fen First District
Notice is hereby given, that a meeting of the Commissioners of the above District will be held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 19th Dec. inst. at twelve o'clock at noon, pursuant to Adjournment from the last meeting.

Thos Archer
Clerk to the Commissioners.

Population Returns

	Males	Females	Total
Ely College	34	56	90
Trinity Parish	1671	1767	3438
St Mary's Parish	712	748	1460

On Tuesday last was committed to Ely gaol by the Rev. Sir H. B. Dudley, Bart.,
Robert Head, charged on oath with burglariously entering on the night of the 5th inst. the dwelling house and shop of Theophilus Ares, of Benwick, and feloniously stealing therein various articles to a considerable amount – Also, (by the same magistrate) Samuel Haynes charged on the oath of J Pigott and others, with feloniously embezzling and fraudulently applying to his own use, an appropriation stamp of the value of one pound, contrary to statute

1823

January 3 1823
January 10 1823
High Street – Ely
The Misses Doswell beg leave to inform their friends, that their School will re-open on Monday the 12th inst.

Turnpike Road – Leading from Ely to Chequer Corner in Downham, Norfolk.
An Adjourned meeting of the Trustees of the said road, will be holden at the White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Monday 13th January inst. at eleven o'clock forenoon, for the purpose of carrying into execution the Act lately passed "For amending the generals Laws now in being for regulating Turnpike Roads in England", and for making various regulations and orders, which have become necessary in consequence of the provisions of the said Act.
By Order
H. R. Evans
Clerk to the Trustees

Turnpike Road Leading from Cambridge to Ely and thence to Soham.
An Adjourned meeting will be holden at the White Hart Inn in Ely on Monday 13th January inst. at eleven o'clock forenoon as above.

January 17 1823
January 24 1823
Burnt Fen First District
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Commissioners of Burnt Fen first District will be held at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 30th January inst. at two o'clock, afternoon pursuant to adjournment from the last meeting.
Thos Archer, Jun.
Clerk to the Commissioners

Association
For the Prosecution of all kinds of Felony within the Hundred of Ely.
And South Part of the Hundred of Witchford.

The Annual General Meeting of the members of this Association for the purpose of passing the Agents' accounts, and enlarging or rescinding the present Rules and Orders (if necessary), will be held at the Club Inn, in Ely on Saturday 1st February next between 2 and 4 o'clock afternoon.
Hy. Pigott. Agent

January 31 1823
February 7 18223
Burnt Fen First District
A Special meeting of the Proprietors of Land in the above District, will be held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 13th February inst. to take into consideration whether it will be expedient to apply to Parliament under the Notices given in September last, for an Act to amend the present Act, and to empower the Commissioners of the District to reduce the Taxes.
And a meeting of the said Commissioners will be held on the same day, and at the same place at 2 o'clock afternoon, pursuant to Adjournment from last meeting.
Thos. Archer, Jun.
Clerk to the Commissioners

The Commission of Assize for the Isle of Ely will open in Ely on Monday 17 February inst.
William Watson Esq
Chief Bailiff

February 14 1823
February 21 1823
At a meeting of the Merchants, Brewers and Tradesmen of the City of Ely, held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Monday 17th February 1823 for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of petitioning Parliament for a revision of the Insolvent Debtors' Acts.
Jonathan Page, Esq. in the Chair

The following Petition to the House of Commons was unanimously agreed to, and a similar Petition was ordered to be presented to the House of Lords.
"To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the Merchants, Brewers and Trading Inhabitants of the City of Ely.
Showeth, - That the Acts of Parliament now in force for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, while they have failed in answering the benevolent intentions of the Legislative, have afforded the means of practising the grossest frauds upon creditors.

That it is a matter of notoriety that every species of tricking is resorted to by insolvents to withhold their effects from their creditors, and that secret transfers thereof to relations or near connexions, solely for fraudulent purposes, are of daily occurrence, and are in many cases so dexterously contrived as to baffle the efforts of creditors to defeat them.

That it is by no means an uncommon practice with insolvents, after obtaining their discharge, to embark largely in trade with property which they held previously to their imprisonment, although the whole of their debts have remained unsatisfied.

That the expenses attendant upon opposing the discharge of debtors, and the difficulty of procuring any other redress than extension of imprisonment of the party opposed, have operated to deter creditors from instituting any proceedings under the insolvent acts; to encourage debtors in their fraudulent practices and to produce incalculable injuries to the commercial trading and general interest of the country.

That in proof of the inefficacy of the present insolvent laws your petitioners would refer to the returns made to your Honourable House, from which it appears that, on an average, not five farthings in the pound have been paid upon the many millions of which fair and honest traders have been defrauded by persons taking advantage of those Acts.

Your petitions therefore pray your Honourable House that the said Acts may be repealed, or that they may be so modified as to secure to creditors the full benefit of the property of insolvents at the time of imprisonment, and to give more extensive powers over any property they may acquire after their discharge."

Isle of Ely Assizes

The Assizes for the isle commenced on Monday last, at Ely. The procession of the new Chief Bailiff (Wm. Watson, Esq.) was on a scale somewhat exceeding the usual retinue.

The Chief Justice (Edward Christian, Esq.) entered the city at half-past four o'clock, and proceeded to the Shire Hall, where the commission was opened in the customary form.

On the following morning the Chief Justice attended divine service after which he went to the Shire-Hall, and the Grand Jury being sworn, his Lordship delivered his charge, observing that during the three and twenty years he had presided on that bench, he never had known so heavy a calendar. One thing, however, he had to observe, that very few of the prisoners were either natives

or inhabitants of the Isle of Ely; and, continued his Lordship, whilst such respectable grand juries and sensible petty juries as he always met there attended, such criminals would find that the jurisdiction of the isle was the last place to come to, as he never heard a single verdict returned by them, which had not met his approbation. The case of Rolfe, for murder, he observed, was one of the melancholy effects of the game laws, upon which his Lordship commented at very great length, and read many extracts from his own publication on the subject of those laws, the tendency of which was partially adverse to them.

Prisoners

Thomas Brown alias Luke Gayden, was indicted for stealing a gelding belonging to Mr John Bark; at Thorney in the Isle.

The prisoner made no defence and the jury found him guilt.

There was another indictment against the prisoner for stealing a mare belonging to Jacob Swinton, similar to the last. Found guilty.

Peter Row – indicted for administering arsenic to a hog belonging to John Allen, keeper of the workhouse at Wisbech, a great number of witnesses were called, but the evidence amounted to nothing – verdict not guilty.

John Etherington, Isaac Plumb the younger, and Richard Watton alias Ward, indicted for stealing various articles of apparel, property of Wm. Dawson, of Outwell. The jury found Etherington guilty – sentenced to six months' hard labour. No evidence against Plumb and Whatton who were discharged.

Samuel Haynes – indicted for embezzling a stamp value £1., the property of Mr Pigott, attorney-at-law, of Ely. – prisoner acquitted.

William Howsden and Thomas Hudson, stood indicted for breaking into the dwelling house of John Tibbett, at Doddington on 12th Sept. last.

It appeared from the testimony of John Watkinson, who admitted on evidence for the Crown, that the two prisoners and himself committed the burglary in the absence of the prosecutor, and took away all his wearing apparel.

The evidence was confirmed by many witnesses, also Howsden left a stick in the house which was sworn to by the landlord of the Cross Keys at Chatteris, no doubt was left on the minds of the Jury and they found prisoners guilty.

Hudson was a hardened offender.

George Clough (15) for stealing an iron bar from the Workhouse at Elm, the property of John Howell, the keeper – sentenced to one months' confinement, the first week to be kept solitary.

John Worster, for stealing a fustian frock the property of John Levett, pleaded guilty. – sentenced to imprisonment for 6 months, the first week in solitary.

Elizabeth Peters aged 12, indicted for stealing 11 sovereigns and £7.19s. in silver, from an outhouse of Thomas Sayle, the keeper of the toll-gate at Chettisham; and Ann Peters, her mother stood indicted with having received the same knowing them to be stolen.

The prisoners were acquitted for want of evidence, though little doubt remained in the opinion of the Court of their guilt.

Samuel Jordan, indicted for bigamy, the two marriages were clearly proved, but it appeared that the first took place at Abbotts' Ripton, Hunts, in consequence of a warrant for bastardy when he was only 17 years old, and he was compelled by the officers of that parish to marry; and that he had not the consent of either father or mother, and consequently the marriage was not legal, and the prisoner could not be proved guilty – he was accordingly acquitted.

The trial of Rolfe, the poacher, for the murder of John Landen in the parish of Littleport, will take place on Friday, also the trials of the remainder of the prisoners, to be reported in our next paper.

The Grand Jury at the above assizes, made the following declaration –
"We cannot separate without thus publicly expressing the high sense we entertain of the long-tried and valued services of Frances Bagge, Esq. the last respectable High Bailiff of this franchise, who

has for a long series of years so discharged the duties of his official situation as to acquire and maintain the esteem and good opinion of all who have been called upon to act or assist in the administration of public justice in the Isle. His retirement would give us serious occasion for regret, did we not anticipate with much confidence from the known character of the present Chief Bailiff, the same anxiety in him to discharge with correctness the duties of his office, and the same kind attention to the convenience of the freeholders and inhabitants of the isle, which have so many years distinguished the conduct of his predecessor.

Henry James Nicholls, Esq. Foreman

Abraham Usill, Esq.	Thos Frusher, Esq.
Robert Francis Pate, Esq.	Henry Martin, Esq.
John Palmer, Esq.	William Angier, Esq.
W Swanborough, Esq.	John Aveling, Esq.
Tycho Wing, Esq.	Thos. Richards, Esq.
Wm. Harlock, Esq.	Edw. Granger, Esq.
Seth Bull, Esq.	Wm. Read, Esq.
Charles Bidwell, Esq.	Wm. Martin, Esq.
Richard Orton, Esq.	Edw. Martin, Esq.
Joseph Vipan, Esq.	John Drage, Esq.
John Prior, Esq.	Wm. Cole, Esq.

February 28 1823
Isle of Ely Assizes
Concluded from last week
Prisoners

Ann Simpson – brought to the bar, charged with the murder of her bastard child in Jan last, at March, in the isle, also charged with feloniously concealing the birth of the child.

The prisoner was found guilty of the concealment only, and acquitted of the murder – sentenced to six months' imprisonment, the first and last weeks to solitary confinement.

Richard Masters, for a misdemeanour, sentenced to two months' imprisonment.

John Carter – indicted for stealing a sack, the property of Stephen Read of Haddenham – found guilty. He was tried on a second indictment for stealing three sacks, the property of Richard Cornell of Haddenham for which he was also found guilty, and sentenced to seven years transportation.

Robert Head and William Johnson were indicted for having on 5th December last burglariously broken open the dwelling house of Mr Theophilas Ayres, of Benwick, shopkeeper, witnesses proved that the prisoners were seen going towards Benwick and that Head entered the shop in the evening to buy tobacco. The premises were safe at ten o'clock that night, and in the morning were found to have been entered in the night and robbed of goods mentioned in the indictment. The prisoners were seen to be lurking about the premises of Mr Custance, chief constable at Sutton, who on receiving the information from his servant, apprehended Head, but Johnson escaped to his fathers' house at Cranfield Beds. He was there taken when he had part of the property, particularly two handkerchiefs, about him.
Guilty – Death.

Wm. Johnson was reprieved, but Robert Head was left for execution, and is expected to suffer on Thursday March 6th the Judge giving him not the least hope of mercy.

Thomas Brown, for horse-stealing, and Wm. Howsden and Thomas Hudson, for a burglary at Doddington (whose cases were reported last week) also received sentence of death, but were afterwards reprieved.

Trial of Rolfe, the Poacher
For murder in Burnt Fen

John Rolfe was brought to the bar at ten o'clock on Friday, and charged with the wilful murder of John Landen, with a stake or bludgeon, in a plantation belonging to Jonathan Page Esq., in Burnt Fen, in the parish of Littleport.

There was a second count against the prisoner, for having committed the murder with a casting tool, (a sort of spade used in the fens).

The Court was crowded, and the anxiety of the populace to get a view of the prisoner was strongly depicted on their countenances.

Mr Pryme for the prosecution, related in an impressive manner to the jury, the tale of horror he then proceeded to call his evidence.

The trial goes on at great length, (to be found on page 3 cols 1, 2 and 3)

When the evidence for the prosecution closed and the prisoner, on being asked if he had any thing to say in his defence, coolly replied,

"No nothing."

His Lordship then summed up the evidence, and the jury immediately found the prisoner guilty. Not a whisper was heard in the Court, when his Lordship proceeded to pass the dreadful sentence of the law, which he did so in such an impressive manner as produced great effect upon the mind of every one present, except the wretched prisoner himself, who did not appear to participate in the general feeling. His Lordship in addressing the prisoner adverted to the great enormity of his crime, a murder that makes mankind shudder at the recital. In the first code of laws delivered to man was on "Thou shalt do no murder." His Lordship also quoted many other passages from the sacred writings. Equally applicable. Even the greatest of barbarians, said the learned Judge, believe that there is a superintending Providence which will bring murder to light. He exhorted the wretched culprit to prepare himself to make peace with the Almighty, for that on the following Monday he would be executed. Some compensation might yet be made for depriving the poor woman of her husband and her child of its father; he might yet be of service to his country by being a lasting example, and tho' he could have him dissected and anatomized, he did not think proper to order it, but would have him hung in chains, that would keep his bones together when his flesh was decayed. He would have him suspended between Heaven and Earth, that Heaven which he had so greatly offended, and that Earth which he was unworthy to be interred in. His Lordship then, in the most solemn manner, pronounced the dreadful sentence in the usual words. The prisoner, on being taken from the bar, exhibited signs of either hardiness or stupidity, put his hat upon his head and walked away with a firm step.

Execution of Rolfe

The above wretched culprit, who was a single man, about 22 years of age, was executed on Monday last, at Ely, in the presence of an immense concourse of people, reckoned to exceed 5,000. He confessed, after his condemnation, to this effect – "that there was no one concerned with him in the murder, which he perpetrated in the following manner

While Landen was stooping down to set a snare, he struck him on the back part of his head with a casting tool (a kind of spade) which he carried with him from Landen's house. He repeated his blows with the tool, 2 or 3 times, though he believed he had killed him with the first, as the only thing he uttered after it was "Oh dear!" and that only once, and did not stir at all. The bludgeon produced in court (as the instrument with which he was supposed to have destroyed the poor fellow) he declared that he had never seen before, and that Landen had not a stick with him, till he arrived at the plantation, where he cut one for himself. He acknowledged that "he had meditated the bloody deed two or three days before he perpetrated it, and that his motives for it were – the little booty, such as his watch, highloes, etc (as to money, he was fully aware beforehand that Landen had only a sixpence in his pocket) and his fears that Landen might be apprehended for an act of fowls' stealing, which they had lately committed together, and might impeach him as an accomplice". He admitted at the place of execution the "justice of his sentence", and warned his hearers against "bad company and poaching."

Having hung the usual time, the body was cut down, and conveyed to the infirmary at the new bridewell, where it was enclosed in an iron case of chains. The clothes were not taken off, nor the cap in which he was executed, but the whole were covered over with pitch, to resist the effects of

the weather. The body was taken on Wednesday to Padnal, near Littleport road, where it was suspended on a gibbet 34 feet high.

March 7 1823
Marriage – On the 25th ult. Mr Varnham Coates, of Ely, to Miss Mary Johnson, of the Red lion inn, in that city.

March 14 1823
March 21 1823
March 28 1823
Isle of Ely – Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter sessions for the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at Ely, on Wednesday 9th April next, by ten of the clock forenoon.
The several Clerks to the Justices are requested to send the Depositions and Recognizances to Mr Steed Girdlestone, Deputy Clerk of the Peace, at Wisbech, on or before the Saturday proceding.
Bellamy, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech, March 26. 1823

April 4 1823
Burnt Fen First District

Notice is hereby given that a General Half-Yearly meeting of the Commissioners of the above District will be held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Friday 18th April next, at eleven o'clock forenoon.
Thomas Archer, Jun.
Clerk to the Commissioners

New Marriage Act Repealed
Mr G B White, as Deputy Registrar to the Archdeacon of Ely, takes the earliest opportunity of informing the Public, that the repeal of the "New Marriage Act" received the Royal assent on Thursday 27th March last.
Marriage Licenses for every Parish in the Town and County of Cambridge are now granted, as formerly, at the Archdeacons Office, St Andrews St. Cambridge.

April 11 1823
The Lord Bishop of Ely has appointed Henry Storks, Esq. (deputy Recorder of this borough), Chief Justice of the Isle of Ely, in the room of the late Edward Christian, Esq.

Death – On Saturday last, in a fit of apoplexy, aged 43 years, deeply lamented by his family and friends? Thomas Granger, Esq., of Stretham in the Isle of Ely.

April 18 1823
On Thursday the 10th inst. Edward Shin (gamekeeper to E. R. Pratt, Esq., of Ryston Hall Norfolk) whilst eating a beef-steak at the Chequers, Ely, apparently in excellent health, fell back on the seat and expired immediately. Mr Shin had accompanied his wife and daughter as far as Ely on their way to London: the coach had not left the former place above an hour when the event happened. A messenger was sent after them with the distressing intelligence.

The Spring Courts of the Rev. the Dean and Chapter of Ely, will be holden in the Isle of Ely for the Manor of Mepal, on Monday 12th May next
For the Manor of Sutton, on Tuesday 13th May next
For the Manor of Ely Porta, on Wednesday 14th May next
For the Manor of Witcham and Wentworth on Friday 16th May next
For the Manor of Witchford, on Saturday 17th May next.

H. R. Evans, Steward.

April 25 1823
May 2 1823
May 9 1823
Turnpike road – from Cambridge to Ely etc. called the "South District"

A special meeting of the Trustees of the Turnpike Road, will be holden at the Club Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 15th May, at eleven o'clock forenoon, to take into consideration the general state of the roads within the said Trust, and of the materials supplied or wanted for the same: to examine into the conduct of the Surveyors of the roads; to give directions concerning nuisances and encroachments; to examine into the general state of the accounts; and to give such directions concerning the same as may be deemed necessary; and also to give the necessary directions for applying to Parliament for the renewal of the local Acts relating to the said Trust, which are nearly expired.
Dated 30th April 1823
By Order H. R. Evans
Clerk to the Trustees.

Turnpike Road - from Ely to Downham in Norfolk, called the "North District"
A meeting will be holden at the Club Inn, Ely on Thursday 15th May next, at eleven o'clock forenoon. (as notice of above meeting.)

May 16 1823

Death – On the 23rd ult., aged 81, Mr Thomas Rayner, farmer, of Ely.

Elegant Furniture – Cellar of Wines,
Books - Fine Paintings – Prints
Carriages – Plate – Linen Etc.
To be Sold by Auction – by Elliot Smith,

On the Premises, on Monday 26th May, 1823, and the following days, at eleven o'clock, by direction of the proprietor, the Rev. Sir Henry B Dudley, Bart., who for the present is leaving Ely on account of ill health.

May 23 1823

Death – On Thursday 15th inst. at her son's house at Ely, Mrs Ann Dix, aged 97.

May 30 1823

June 6 1823
To Be Sold by Auction
By Dix and Marshall

At the White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 19th June, between the hours of six and eight in the evening, in lots;
Upwards of seventy Acres of very Rich Arable Land, lying dispersedly in the several Fields of Ely.

Also Eighteen Acres of superior Fen Land, lying in middle Fen, in Ely.

Partly freehold and partly copyhold of the Manors of Ely – Barton and Ely Porta in Ely.

June 13 1823
June 20 1823
June 27 1823
Turnpike Tolls to be Let

Notice is hereby given, that the Tolls arising at the Toll-Gates upon the Turnpike Road leading from Ely, to Chequer Corner in Downham, Norfolk, called or known by the names of Scotting's Bridge and Fordham Turnpike Gates, will be Let by Auction, for one year, from 14th July next, to the best bidder, at the house of Mrs Ann Spencely, called or known by the Bell Inn, in Ely aforesaid, on Saturday 12th July next, between the hours of eleven and one, in the manner directed by the Act passed in the 3rd year of the reign of his Majesty King George the Fourth "for regulating Turnpike Roads", which Tolls produced the last Three Years as follows, (that is to say) Scottings Bridge £210, and Fordham Gate £240.10s. per annum above the expence of collecting them, and will be put up at such sums per annum as shall be agreed upon by the Trustees present at the meeting.

Whoever happens to be the best bidder for the said Gates respectively, must, at the same time, pay one month in advance, if required, of the rent at which such Tolls may be let, and give security with sufficient sureties, to the satisfaction of the Trustees of the said road, for payments of the rest of the money by monthly instalments, or for payment of the whole of the said rent by monthly instalments, if no part thereof shall be required to be paid in advance.
Dated 10th June 1823
H. R. Evans
Clerk to the Trustees of the said Turnpike Road.

N.B. No person will be accepted as surety for the Hirers of the said Tools, unless he shall be present at the said meeting, and shall previously to the biddings have been approved of by the Trustees present.

July 4 1823
July 11 1823
High Street Ely – The Misses Doswell
Beg leave to inform their friends and the public, that their School will re-open on Monday the 21st Inst.

Burnt Fen First District

We, the undersigned being Commissioners with others under an Act of Parliament passed in the present sessions, and also an Act passed in the 47th year of the reign of his late Majesty, for draining and preserving the lands comprised in the said District, do hereby appoint a meeting of the Commissioners of the said District to be holden at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 17th July inst. at twelve o'clock Noon, for the purpose of proceeding in the execution of the powers and provisions of the said Acts respectively.
Dated 23rd July 1823

Jonathan Page
Thomas Spooner
John Seaber
John Seaber, Jun
Joseph Little
George Hall
Smith Flanders
George Wing
James Seaber

July 18 1823

Death – On the 14th inst., in the College at Ely, in the 26th year of her age, Mary, the wife of Mr Matthew Scott, and niece of Francis Bagge, Esq, leaving an affectionate husband and two children to deplore the loss of amost kind and tender wife and mother. During an illness of some months duration, she evinced the utmost patience and resignation to the Divine will, trusting for salvation solely in the mercies of God through the merits of her Redeemer.

On Saturday last a fine child of Mr Denton, of Ely, strayed from its home, and was discovered by its unfortunate parents floating in a pond quite dead.

Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions
Holden at Wisbech July 16.
Before William Hardwicke, Esq., Wm. Watson Esq.
Dr Jobson, and a full bench of Magistrates.

The Chairman, in a neat and impressive charge to the Grand Jury, commented upon the beneficial and salutary effects arising from the introduction of the tread-mill, particularly as regarded beggars who, from the general compassionate feeling of mankind, were considered as unfortunate beings, when in truth they were a lazy idle set of creatures, who preferred living by begging rather than to have recourse to honest and industrious exertions. – The Chairman also reviewed the operation of two late Acts of Parliament respecting forfeiture of recognizances.

Two roads leading from Manea to Wimblington and Doddington, were presented as being in a dangerous state. The Court fined the parish £500 and £100 and respited the payment of the same – the roads to be repaired under the direction of Thomas Orton, Esq. and Mr Whiting.

It having been reported to the Court, the necessity that existed of an attorney practising in the Insolvent Debtors' Court for the Isle of Ely, Mr Wm. Claxton, attorney, of Ely, was unanimously recommended by the Court to the Court of Insolvent Debtors for that appointment.

Appeals – Robert Porter appealed against a poor-rate made for the parish of Coveney, which was heard upon a mandamus from the Court of Kings Bench. The appellant complained that he was over-rated to a considerable amount in comparison with the amount assessed upon Robert Chambers and others. As no one appeared for Robert Chambers, and others' the objection could not be sustained. The Court interposed and the parties agreed to have the parish surveyed by Mr Custance, on the part of the appellants, and Mr Jackson on the part of the parish, and Henry Jas. Nicholls. Esq. was chosen umpire in case of difference arising between the surveyors – This appeal excited great interest in the neighbourhood.
Wimblington, appellants Littleport respondents.

The principal question of this appeal was, whether the wife of the pauper acquired an equitable interest under the will of Robert Green, she not being of age at the time it was in esse. The Court decided she possessed an interest and confirmed settlement at Wimblington.

Appeal – No True bill against the parish of Chatteris for a nuisance. The recognizances of Mr Wm. Sandiford and Mr Thomas Brown, for a pound breach, were withdrawn; and an indictment against Michael Uffindell, for an assault, was quashed upon the motion of Mr. Pryme.

Sarah Hobbs, a noted cyprian of Ely, was indicted for keeping a disorderly house, to which she pleaded guilty. The Court sentenced her to pay a fine of 1s. and after a suitable reprimand form the chairman, she was discharged.

July 25 1823
Marriage – On Tuesday last, Mr Westwood, draper, of Ely, to Miss Palmer of the same place.

August 1 1823
August 8 1823
August 15 1823
An inquisition was taken on Friday se'nnight, at the Black Birds Inn Ely, before H. R. Evans, Esq. Coroner, upon the body of Jane Atkin.
Evidence was adduced that the deceased was found in a stupor, and that she expired within a few hours. Mr J. W. Kitchener, Surgeon, desposed that he had opened the body of the deceased, and discovered that she had taken a quantity of white hellebore powder, which had occasioned her death. The Jury deliberated a short time and returned a verdict of felo de se. The poor woman was buried by torch light at ten o'clock on Saturday night. It was supposed that she had taken the poison in a fit of jealousy.

August 22 1823
Last week, a woman named Prior, residing near the Waterside, in Ely, left her infant (about two months old) upon the bed; and soon after, hearing it scream violently, she went up to it, when she found that it had been attacked by a rat, who had bitten the child on the forehead, in two or three places, and likewise one of its fingers.

August 29 1823
September 5 1823
Capital Windmill and other Estates
At Ely
To Be Sold by Auction – by C Legge
Before the major part of the Commissioners under a commission of bankruptcy against Joseph Willson, of Ely, miller, at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 2nd October next, at six o'clock, evening subject to such conditions of sale as shall be then declared.
The following Valuable Estates
Late the property of the said Bankrupt.

Lot 1. A very superior brick and tower Windmill, erected within the last two years, and situate at a short distance from the town of Ely; containing 5 floors, three of them used as corn chambers and capable of housing upwards of 300 quarters of corn, worked with three pair of French Stones, two of them in diameter 4 feet 6 ins., and the other 4 feet 4 ins. and fitted up with patent 40 feet sails, iron axletree and shaft, and iron spur wheel 10 feet 2 ins. in diameter, and with flour mill and machinery complete and in excellent condition.
Lot 2. Six Acres (more of less) of Land in Middle Fen, in Ely.
Lot 3. The Reversionary Interest of the bankrupt, after the death of his mother, Mrs Elizabeth Willson, aged 57 years or thereabouts, in a messuage in Ely, with a large Yard and Garden and Sundry outbuildings, in the occupation of Mr. Thomas Willson, and in four cottages adjoining.
The above Lots are freehold.

Lot 4. A Leasehold Estate held by the Bankrupt under the Master and Fellows of Clare Hall, Cambridge, for a term of which eleven years were unexpired at Lady-day last, and consisting of a messuage, in Ely, divided into four Tenements, with Yard, Garden and Wheelwrights Shop, and 5 Acres 2 Roods of Land in Waterdon, in Ely.
Further particulars enquire of
Evans and Archer, jun, Ely.

Joseph Willson, of Ely, miller, against whom two commissions of bankrupt have been issued, (the first of which was superseded on the ground of its being a concerted commission between the bankrupt and his father,) was committed to Ely gaol, on Saturday last, by the Commissioners under the second commission, for not satisfactorily accounting for the disposal of a sum of money obtained by him from the back of Messrs. Hollick & Co., Ely after the first docquet was struck.

September 12 1823
September 19 1823
Deaths – On Monday 8th inst after a short illness, Mr James Nightingale Rayner, draper, of Ely.

On Friday last, Mrs Watts, formerly of the Anvil and Hammer, public-house, Ely.

September 26 1823
Burnt Fen First District
Notice is hereby given, that a General Half Yearly meeting of the Commissioners of the above District, will be held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 2nd October next, at eleven o'clock forenoon, but that it is intended to propose an Adjournment of the said meeting, until Thursday 16th October, at the hour and place aforesaid.
Dated 15th September 1823
Thomas Archer, jun
Clerk to the Commissioners.

October 3 1823
General Abstract of the Accounts of the Treasurers of the Isle of Ely, to the 7th July 1823, passed and allowed at a Special Sessions of the Peace, holden at Chatteris, in and for the said Isle, on the 7th day of July 1823.

Receipt	£	S	D
By Balance of last Accounts	32	3	9¾
Isle Rates	2,120	0	5
The Treasurer of the Town of Cambridge, a moiety of contribution money, paid for prisoners in the Fleet, Kings Bench and Marshalsea Prisons	20	0	0
	2,172	4	2¾

Expenditure	£	S	D
Paid for Conveyance of Vagrants and Offenders to Gaol, relieving poor Travellers, and charges of pursuing felons.	94	13	7
Prosecution Orders at assizes and Sessions	700	1	5
Militia Claims	7	10	6
Expences of Gaol and House of Correction	538	10	10¼
Repairs etc of Shire-Halls and Correction	33	18	7
Contribution money for Prisoners in the Fleet, Kings Bench and Marshalsea Prisons	20	0	0
Treasurers' Salaries	60	0	0
Clerk of the Peace, and the Magistrates' clerks for general business	45	6	7
Contingent Bills at Assizes, Sessions and Petty Sessions	13	13	6
Coroners Accounts	13	5	9
Salaries to the Receivers of Assize Returns	27	17	0
Salaries to high Constables and others, and for their incidental expenses	135	13	6
Crier's Fee at the Assizes		10	6
Printing and Stationers' Bills	23	16	5
Repairing Bridges	211	13	8½
Conveying Felons to the Hulks	22	15	10½
Sundry incidental expenses not included under the aforegoing head	56	2	0
Balance due to Isle	166	14	5½
	2172	4	2¾

H. R. Evans
Hugh Jackson Treasurers

October 10 1823
Ely and Downham Turnpike Road.
Notice is hereby given, that the general Annual meeting of the Trustees or Commissioners appointed for carrying into execution the several Acts of Parliament passed for repairing the road leading from the Lamb Corner in Ely to Chequer Corner in Downham Norfolk, called the "North Division", will be holden at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Wednesday, 29th October inst., at Eleven o'clock forenoon, pursuant to the directions of the General Turnpike Act, passed in the third year of his present Majestys' reign, at which meeting the Accounts of the Treasurer, Clerk and Surveyors of the said Trustees will be audited, new Trustees will be elected in the room of such Trustees as may be then dead, or as shall have then resigned, and the heads of the intended new Bill for the renewal of the first above-mentioned Acts, and for making a branch road from the Town of Littleport to the Hundred Foot Bank, will be read over and discussed, and such other business will be transacted as may be necessary in the execution of all the above-mentioned Acts.
H. R. Evans
Clerk to the said Trustees.
Cambridge and Ely Turnpike Roads
The General Annual Meeting of the Trustees or Commissioners appointed for carrying into execution, the several Acts of Parliament passed for repairing the road leading from Cambridge to Ely, and thence to Soham called the "South District," will be holden at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Wednesday 29 October inst., at Eleven o'clock forenoon, pursuant to the directions of the General Turnpike Act, passed in the third year of the reign of his present Majesty, at which meeting the accounts of the Treasurer, Clerk and Surveyors of the said Trustees will be audited, new Trustees

will be chosen to fill the vacancies occasioned by death or otherwise, and the heads of the intended Bill for the renewal of the first above-mentioned Acts will be read over and discussed, and such other business will be transacted as may be necessary in the execution of all the above-mentioned Acts.
H. R. Evans
Clerk to the Trustees
October 17 1823
October 24 1823
October 31 1823
November 7 1823
Birth – On Sunday last, in the College, Ely, the lady of the Rev. H Fordell, of a daughter.

Inundation from the late rains.
Several of the extensive districts of the Fens in the Isle of Ely and county of Norfolk are completely overflowed, and considerable losses have been sustained by the occupiers of farms, many sheep have been drowned, and corn and hay-stacks washed away.

November 14 1823
November 21 1823
Turnpike Road – Leading from Ely to Downham called the "North District".

The Annual meeting of the Trustees is further Adjourned to the 22nd November inst., to be holden at the house of John Wright, called by the name of Castle Inn, in Downham, at eleven o'clock forenoon.
H. R. Evans, Clerk

Turnpike Road – Leading from Cambridge to Ely, called the "South District," is further Adjourned to the 28th November inst, to be holden at the house of John Barnard, known by the name of the Club Inn, in Ely, at eleven o'clock, forenoon.
H. R. Evans, Clerk

November 21 1823

December 5 1823
Burnt Fen First District
We, the undersigned, being Commissioners with others, for putting into execution the several Acts of Parliament now in force for the Drainage of the above District, do hereby appoint a Meeting of the Commissioners to be holden at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 18th December next at two o'clock, afternoon, for the purpose of Letting to Farm the Tolls of the several Banks of the said District.
Dated 22nd November 1823

Jonathan Page	Joseph Little
Thomas Spooner	Smith Flanders
John Seaber	George Hall
James Seaber	John Seaber, jun.

Turnpike Road Leading from Cambridge to Ely called the "South District".

A Meeting of the Trustees will be holden at the house of William Beecroft, called or known by the name White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Tuesday 16th December, for the purpose of Letting the Tolls at Bugs Lane Turnpike Gate, and of Stone Bridge and Soham Gates, and of taking into consideration the propriety of removing the present Gate and Toll House, stand at or near the entrance to Soham,

to or near the side of Blockmore Drove, and of accepting an offer made on behalf of the inhabitants of the parish of Soham, to bear the expence of removing the same.
Dated 28th November 1823
By order of the Trustees this day assembled at their adjourned annual meeting.

H. R. Evans, Clerk

December 12 1823
Desirable Estate, Ely
To Be Sold by Auction
By Messrs Isaacson
At the Lamb Inn, Ely, on Wednesday, Dec. 24. 1823, at 12 o'clock, (unless sooner disposed of by Private contract;)

All that very Valuable Small Estate, late the property of Major Vaughan, deceased, comprising 13 acres one rood (more of less) of exceedingly Fertile Arable Land, lying in the different fields in Ely, and now in the occupation of Mr Evans, as Tenant-at-will; the above to be divided into three lots. Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Barton, and pays a quit-rent of 6s or 6s. 8d. per annum.

A Close of exceedingly rich Pasture Land called Raven-Tree-Way-Close, and called Four Acres, surrounded with very capital thriving quicks, and upon which are two very capital Timber Ashes and other trees; the above has been lately in the occupation of Mr. Henry Rance, but now in hand; is Freehold, and pays a Free or Relief-Rent of fourpence per annum.
For price and particulars apply to Alexander MacDougal Esq., Lincolns Inn, or Messrs Isaacson, Estate Agents and Surveyors, Moulton, Newmarket, and Clare.

December 19 1823
December 26 1823
The Lord Lieutenant of this county has been pleased to appoint James Usill, Esq., of Wisbech, to be Deputy Lieutenant of the Isle of Ely.

Marriage at Ely – On Wednesday last, Mr Wm. Pawsey of Bury St Edmunds, to Miss Fortington of Ely.

1824

January 2 1824
Marriage – On Tuesday last, at Ely, Mr Chevall, solicitor, of this (Camrbidge) town, to Mary second daughter of the late Richard Piggot, Esq. of the former place.

On the same day at Ely, Mr R.B. Saunders, solicitor of London, to Miss Susan Muriel, fifth daughter of Mr Muriel, Surgeon, of the former place.

The General Quarter sessions of the Peace, for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at Wisbech, on Wednesday 14th January inst. by ten of the clock forenoon.
Bellamy, Clerk of the Peace.

January 9 1824
January 16 1824
January 23 1824
The Lord Lieutenant has appointed Wm. Harlock Esq. and John Harlock Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenants for the Isle of Ely.

January 30 1824
February 6 1824
Burnt Fen First District
Payment of Taxes

Notice is hereby given, that the Commissioners of the said District did, at a General Half-yearly meeting, holden at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Friday 18th April 1823, assess rate, tax and charge, all and singular, the Fen Lands and Low grounds within the said District, with a tax of One Shilling and Sixpence per acre, and a gradual tax not exceeding One Shilling and Sixpence per acre, and a further gradual Tax not exceeding Three shillings per acre, on each and every acre of the said Fen Lands and Low Grounds, and so in proportion for any less quantity than an acre; and that the said several Taxes have been ordered by the Commissioners to be paid to me as their Receiver, on account of William Searle, Esq. their Treasurer, at my office in Ely, before or on the 1st day of March next.

And Notice is also given, that any person liable to payment of the said Rates and Taxes and omitting to pay the same to me for twenty days from the time so appointed for payment, will forfeit and be required to pay to the Commissioners by way of penalty for such omission, the sum of Three Shillings and Fourpence for every Twenty shillings of the Rates and Taxes so in arrear and unpaid, and so in proportion for any less sum Twenty shillings.
Dated 2nd February 1824
Thos. Archer, Jun.
Clerk and Receiver to the Commissioners.

February 13 1824
February 20 1824
Cambridgeshire – To Wit
There will be an Adjourned Special General meeting of the Lieutenancy for the said County, held at the Red Lion Inn, in Cambridge, on Tuesday 24th February inst. at twelve o'clock at noon, for the purpose of taking into consideration the expediency of providing a proper place at Ely for the reception of the Arms, Clothing, and Accoutrements belonging to the Cambridgeshire Regiment of Militia.
By Order of the Lieutenancy
John Ingle
Clerk of the General Meetings.

February 27 1824

Marriage – On Saturday last, at Gazeley Suffolk, (by the Rev. Thomas Hubbard) William Harlock, Esq. common brewer, of Ely, to Miss Elizabeth King, of Disringe Hall.

March 5 1824
March 12 1824
March 19 1824
Burnt Fen First District
Notice is hereby given, that a General Half-yearly meeting of the Commissioners of the District, will be held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely on Thursday 25 March at eleven o'clock forenoon.
Thomas Archer
Clerk to the Commissioners

The Commission of assize for the Isle of Ely will be opened at Ely on Saturday afternoon 3rd April next, and the Chief Justice will go into Court exactly at nine o'clock Monday morning following.
The Lord Bishop of Ely will hold a general ordination in London on Sunday 11th April.

March 26 1824
Death – On Wednesday 17th inst., at Ely, after a long and painful illness, which she bore with true Christian fortitude and pious resignation to the Divine will, Miss Fyshe, aged 38 years, niece of Francis Bagge Esq. of that place.

On Friday last at Ely, in the 32nd year of her age after a long and painful illness, Mrs Freeman, leaving an affectionate husband and young family to deplore her loss.

April 2 1824
April 9 1824
Isle of Ely Assizes
Ordered on Monday morning last by Henry Storks Esq. Chief Justice, presiding for the first time on this bench, the opening address is long. There are no prisoners from Ely. Full account may be found on page 3. cols.1,2,3
April 16 1824
The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at Ely on Wednesday 28th April inst. by 10 of the clock forenoon.

The several Clerks to the Justices are requested to send the Depositions and Recognizances to Mr Steed Girdlestone, the Deputy Clerk of the Peace, at Wisbech, on or before the Saturday preceding.
Bellamy, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech

Marriage on Tuesday last, at St Mary's Church, in Ely, Mr Samuel Yorke, upholsterer of this Cambridge place to Miss Sarah Harlock, youngest daughter of the late Hinds Harlock Esq. of the former place.

Deaths – on the 13th inst. Mary Ann, wife of Henry Storks Esq. Chief Justice of the Isle of Ely.

Last week at Ely, at the advanced age of 99 years Mr Kempton.

On Friday last, at Ely, after a lingering illness borne with Christian resignation, aged 48, Sarah, wife of Mr Jesse Claxton, conveyance, her example as a wife, a mother, a friend, will long be remembered by those who knew her real worth.

April 23 1824
The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at Ely, on Wednesday 28th April inst. by 10 of the clock, forenoon.

The several Clerks to the Justices are requested to send the Depositions and Recognizances to Mr Steed Girdlestone, Deputy Clerk of the Peace, at Wisbech, on or before the Saturday preceding.

Bellamy, Clerk of the Peace, Wisbech.

April 30 1824
Post Wind-Mill
Near Ely

To be Sold by Auction, by Meadows & Claxton
At the Red Lion Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 6th May next between six and eight in the evening.

All that Post Wind-Mill, with one rood of Land upon which the same is erected and built situate in Priest Meadow Field in Ely, and lying near the road leading from Ely to Downham.
The Mill contains two pair of stones, flour-mill and the necessary apparatus belonging thereto now in occupation of proprietor, Mr John Blinkhorn.
Immediate possession. Copyhold of Manor of Ely Barton.

April 30 1824
Capital Nag Stallion, Valuable Cow Stock, and 6 score Sheep.
Stuntney Hall, Ely

To Be Sold by Auction, by Dix and Marshall, on Friday 7th May next, on the Premises of Mr Charles Rust, Stuntney Hall.
The Sale will begin at one o'clock.

May 7 1824
May 14 1824
May 21 1824
Turnpike Road – leading from Cambridge to Ely, etc., called the "South District".

Notice is hereby given, that an Act of Parliament for amending and improving the above Road, with the other Roads therein mentioned, received the royal assent on Monday 17th May inst., and that by the said Act, the first meeting of the Trustees thereby appointed for putting the same into execution, so far as relates to the said District, is directed to be holden at the sign of the Lamb, in the city of Ely, on Monday the seventh June next, being the third Monday after the passing of the said Act, at eleven o'clock forenoon.
Dated 19th May 1824
H. R. Evans, Clerk

May 28 1824
Last week an inquisition was taken before H. R. Evans Esq., one of the coroners for the Isle of Ely, upon view of the body of William Richardson, servant to Mr. John Ellis, of Ely, and the driver of a wagon drawn by three horses, one of which was in the shafts and the others were leading abreast. The deceased, it appeared, was standing on the shafts and leaning forward in the act of whipping one of the fore horses, when he fell, and one the wheels going over him, he was killed on the spot. He has left a wife and four children to lament his loss. Daily are accidents arising from drivers riding on carriages, the best preventative of which would be the rigorous inforcement of the wholesome provision of the turnpike acts against offenders of that description.

Jun 4 1824
June 11 1824
Birth – On Saturday last, at Ely, Mrs John Muriel, of a daughter.

June 18 1824
June 25 1824
July 2 1824
July 9 1824
General Abstract of the Accounts of the Treasurers of the Isle of Ely to June 8th 1824, passed and allowed at a special and adjourned Sessions of the Peace, holden at Chatteris, in and for the said Isle, on the said 8th day of June 1824.

Receipt	£	S	D
By Balance of last accounts	862	13	1½
Isle Rates	2,475	16	2
The Treasurer of the Town of Cambridge, a moiety of contribution money paid for prisoners in the Fleet, Kings Bench and Marshalsea prisons	5	0	0
Total	3,342	9	3½

Expenditure	£	S	D
Paid for conveyance of vagrants and offenders to gaol, relieving poor travellers, and charges of pursuing felons	102	12	4
Prosecution orders at assizes and sessions	351	5	9
For Militia claims	51	18	5
Expenses of Gaol and Houses of Correction	963	0	11¼
Repairs etc. Of shire Halls and do	299	17	11
Treasurers' salaries	60	0	0
Clerk of the Peace and the magistrate's Clerks for general business	199	10	4
Coroner's Accounts	90	12	0
Salaries to the Receivers of assize returns	33	10	0
Salaries to high constables and others, and for their incidental expences	175	2	7
Crier's fee at the assizes	1	3	0
Printing and Stationer's bills	33	11	4
Repairing Bridges	3	6	8
Conveying felons to the hulks	14	0	0
Sundry incidental expenses not included under the aforegoing heads	170	15	3½
Balance due to the Isle	793	1	11¾
	£3343	9	3½

H R Evans
Hugh Jackson Treasurers

July 16 1824
The Lord Lieutenant has appointed Mr Charles Bidwell a deputy Lieutenant for the Isle of Ely.

July 23 1824
Death – On Saturday the 10th inst. at Ely, aged 19, Miss Julia Page.

On Sunday the 11th inst. at Ely, aged 62, Mr Charles Hutt, formerly of this place.

On Thursday the 15th inst. aged 26, Elizabeth, second daughter of Mr Robert Hattersley of Ely.

July 30 1824
Desirable Fen Farms
Downham near Ely.
To Be Sold by Private Contract,
A Compact Fen Farm, situate at Downham, in the Isle of Ely, consisting of a good Farm-House with Barn, Stables, Lodges, and other convenient Outbuildings, and 150 Acres (more of less) of most excellent fen Land, lying altogether in Head Fen, in Downham, with a good Water Mill standing thereon.
This farm is held by Lease from the Lord Bishop of Ely, for three lives.
Also another Farm, called the Hundred Acres consisting of a Cottage with Stable and other useful Outbuildings, and 100 Acres (more of less) of capital Fen Land lying altogether in Head Fen aforesaid and adjoining the 150 Acres above-mentioned

This Farm is also held by lease from the said Lord Bishop of Ely, for 21 years, 15 of which are now unexpired.
The above mentioned Farms are now in a good state of cultivation, and lie within half a mile of the Hundred Feet River which is navigable to Lynn, St Ives, Huntingdon, Bedford etc.
For price and further particulars enquire of the proprietor, Mr Charles Martin of Downham.

July 30 1824
August 6 1824
The Commission of Assize for the Isle of Ely, will be opened at Wisbech on Monday evening 16th inst.

August 13 1824
The General Quarter sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden by Adjournment, at the Sessions House in Ely, on Thursday 19th August inst. at eleven o'clock forenoon.
Steed Girdlestone
Deputy Clerk of the Peace.

Marriage – On Tuesday last, at Ely, Mr John Haslop jun. saddler, etc. of this town (Cambridge) to Miss Hattersley, of the former place.

Death on Wednesday last, at Ely, Mr John Parsons aged 87 years.

August 20 1824
August 27 1824
September 3 1824

September 10 1824
Isle of Ely Adjourned Sessions.
Will be holden at the Sessions House, in Wisbech on Saturday 18th September inst, at 11 o'clock forenoon.
Steed Girdlestone
Deputy Clerk of the Peace.

Death – On Friday 3rd inst., at his residence, Stoke Newington, Robert Bevill, Esq. aged 54. He was a man of most inflexible honour and honesty – a Barrister of the Inner Temple – Register and Auditor of the Bedford Level Corporation – senior magistrate at the public-office, Worship Street, Chairman of the committee of magistrates for the management of Coldbath- Fields house of Correction, and in the commission of the Peace for the Isle of Ely.

To the fen interest, the loss of Mr Bevill is great. No man was so well versed in the history of that valuable and extensive Level as himself. Born in the centre of it (March) he (like his ancestor, Sir Robert Bevill, one of the original adventurers) made the history of it his study from childhood. All the ancient and modern works of drainage or other improvements in that country were known and most familiar to him. To him the great work of the Eau Brink is much indebted. To his great knowledge and exertions we trace the Middle Level River and South Barrier Bank Acts. Through his information and assistance the Bedford Level Corporation was reformed, and the election of the Board and Officers permanently fixed at Ely, on which occasion the Commonalty voted an elegant and expensive service of plate, which was presented to him under most flattering circumstances. As a man of business and integrity, he was equalled by few, and excelled by none. By his habit of early rising he was enabled to meet days of extraordinary exertion with great facility. As a magistrate, he went straight forward to business with great urbanity and penetration; and his merit and ability in that capacity cannot be better appreciated than by the knowledge that he was frequently called upon to act as chairman of the quarter sessions for the metropolitan county at Hix's Hill.

As a publishing author, Mr Bevill was little known, but the writer of this, has reason to hope his manuscripts may meet the public eye, particularly a revision or continuation of Dugdale, down to the present time. By an extensive circle of friends (including many of the first rank and consideration in the country) he will be long remembered, and his ability and loss regretted but by none more than by him who pays this last tribute of truth and respect to his memory.

September 17, 1824
Death – On Monday last (whilst on a visit at her daughter's, Mrs Wilkes, of Ely) Mrs Barker, of St Andrews Street, Cambridge, at an advanced age.

September 24 1824
October 1 1824
Turnpike Roads – leading from Cambridge to Ely and from thence to Soham and Mepal, called the "South District".
We, three of the Trustees of the said District of Roads, do hereby give Notice, that the General Annual Meeting of the Trustees, will be holden at the Club Inn, in Ely, on Monday the 25th October next, at eleven o'clock forenoon, when the accounts of the Trustees will be audited, and the state of the Roads will be reported: and also, that in pursuance of an Order of the Trustees made at a Meeting holden on 7th July last, the propriety of removing the present Toll Gates, called Bugs' Lane Gate, Stone Bridge Gate, and Mepal Gate, with the Toll Houses thereto respectively belonging, to more eligible situations, will be taken into consideration.
Dated 30th September, 1824
T.C.W.Seymour
J. Page
Thos. Archer, Jun.
H. R. Evans Clerk to the Trustees

Turnpike Road – Leading from Ely to Downham.
The Annual General Meeting, will be holden at the Lamb Inn in Ely, on Tuesday 26th October next, at eleven o'clock forenoon, when the accounts of the Trustees will be audited, and the state of the Road will be reported.
Dated T.C.W.Seymour
J. Page
Thos. Archer, Jun.
H.R Evans, Clerk to the Trustees.

October 8 1824

The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at Ely, on Wednesday 20th October inst., by ten of the clock, forenoon. The several Clerks to the Justices are requested to send the Depositions and Recognizances to Mr Steed Girdlestone Deputy Clerk of the Peace, at Wisbech, on or before the Saturday preceding.
Bellamy, Clerk of the Peace.
Wisbech

To Merchants, Watermen, and Others
Ely
Capital Gang of Lighters and Superior Water Horses
The Property of the late Thomas Bowyer, Esq. of Swaffham.

To Be Sold By Auction
By Dix and Marshall

On Wednesday, 20th October inst., (by Order of the Executors of the said Thomas Bowyer) at the Ship-Quay, Ely, without the least reserve, the Truly Valuable Gang of eight nearly-new Lighters, four superior Water Horses, and all the Valuable Materials used in the working thereof.

The above Gang is not to be surpassed by any navigating the stream, has been newly dress this season, and will be found worthy the attention of the Public.

A dinner will be provided at the Ship Inn, at one o'clock, and Six months' credit will be given on approved security for all bargains above £5.

Sale will commence at Ten o'clock forenoon and of the Lighters and Horses at Two o'clock afternoon.

Also will be Sold by Auction.
(By direction of the Executors of the said Thomas Bowyer), on Thursday 21st October inst. between six and eight in the evening, at the Lamb Inn, Ely, The following Valuable Estate.

Late the Property of the said Thomas Bowyer in one Lot.

A substantial new brick and tiled Dwelling House, situate at the Water-side, in Ely, with a bakers' oven therein, capable of baking twenty-five stone of flour, a good baking Office, and a spacious and commodious brick and tiled Granary adjoining, under the same roof, capable of warehousing one hundred and fifty quarters of corn.

The above estate having been erected but a few years, is now in a substantial state of repair; the river Ouse runs by it, which renders the situation more desirable.

The tenant in possession will show the premises.

October 15 1824
October 22 1824

October 29 1824
On Monday W.J. Law, Esq. held a Court for the relief of insolvent debtors, at the Shire Hall, Ely, when William Lincoln, a debtor, was discharged without opposition. We are happy to state, that there is not a prisoner of any description now in Ely gaol.

November 5 1824
November 12 1824

November 19 1824
The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely will be holden by Adjournment at the Sessions House in Ely, on Tuesday 23rd November inst. at 11 o'clock forenoon.
Steed Girdlestone
Deputy Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech

November 26 1824
December 3 1824
December 10 1824
From a Correspondent
The Ely Ox, bred and fed by Messrs Rayner, farmers and graziers, at Ely. – This ox is five years old, weighs between 140 and 150 stones (14 lb to the stone) and for symmetry, smallness of bone, proportion, etc., is considered one of the finest animals ever seen in this country. This valuable and

beautiful creature was last week disposed of by raffle; one hundred subscribers, at a guinea each, were in readiness, and on Thursday evening they met by appointment at the White Hart Inn, Ely.
To know by dice, and magic box
who should send home this prime fat ox.
The Inn was full e'en to a bumper and betting went on briskly: 29 was the highest number for some time, when Mr Welldon, of Chatteris, who had just purchased a share of another gentleman, carelessly shook the mystical box, and behold the 30 stared Mr 29 full in the face, till he sat down in silence with the fifteens and sixteens. No one could beat 30, and the umpire declared Mr. W the successful gentleman. A liberal treat was given by Messrs. Rayner, and the winner to the gentlemen of the grape and the punch from the bowl soon made the fenman's countenance to glow, and the citizen's eyes sparkle.

The healths of Messrs Rayner, Mr Welldon, the gentlemen who conducted the raffle, and the losers, were successively given, and suitable speeches returned. Various songs followed, and the tide of time glided imperceptibly by. Some silver-locked gentlemen, who have lived to the age of four score years in the unwholesome air of the Fens, appeared no unwilling disciples of Bacchus, and only seemed to regret they had not a pound of the roast beef of Old England as a relish before they bade adieu. One of the vocalists sung the justly admired song, "in the dead of night", in such style, that the chairman and the company broke up with mutual satisfaction, and retired to the arms of Somnus with a deep remembrance of his plaintive and impressive notes.
A Loser
Ely, Dec. 7 1824

A neatly fitted-up House
To Be Let, with immediate possession
In one of the Principal Streets in the City of Ely
Consisting of an entrance-hall, a drawing-room (21 feet by 16 feet), dining room 16 feet by 14 feet, breakfast parlour (12 ft. 6 in. square) six bed-rooms, two large attics, a cooking kitchen, wash-house, good cellars and other conveniences, hard and soft water pumps, brick yard and garden, walled in, The principal rooms are neatly papered, and proper stoves fixed.

The House is well calculated for a genteel family or capable of being converted at a small expence into a respectable shop. The situation is worthy the notice of any gentleman qualified for undertaking a Classical Boarding and Day School for young gentlemen.

For particulars apply to Henry Legge, builder, Ely, the adjoining house is converted into a respectable Grocers and Tea Dealers shop.

December 17 1824
December 24 1824

December 31 1824
To Be Sold by Auction
By C Legge.
On Friday 7th January 1825, on Barton Farm, in Ely, in the occupation of Johnathan Page Esq.
For ready money
Twenty Fat Beast
The Sale will begin at eleven o'clock precisely.

Turnpike Road – Leading from Cambridge to Ely, and thence to Soham etc., called the "South District".

A meeting of the Trustees of the said Turnpike Road, will be holden at the White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Friday the 7th Jan. next, at eleven o'clock forenoon, for the purpose of letting the Tolls arising at Soham and Bugs' Pond Gates, and on General Business.
H R Evans
Clerk

1825

January 7 1825
We are sorry to hear, that Mr Starks, Chief Justice of the Isle of Ely, and Deputy Recorder of this borough, met with a serious accident on Saturday last, whilst shooting in his brother's grounds, by the bursting of a powder flask, which lacerated his hand to such a degree, that amputation of the thumb was deemed requisite. The learned gentleman will, consequently, be unable to preside at the ensuing sessions.

January 14 1825
Marriage – On Tuesday last, at St Mary's Church, Ely, Mr Edward Cory, youngest son of Mr Cory, grocer, of this place, to Miss Wilks, eldest daughter of Mrs Wilks of Ely.

Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions
Wisbech, 12 January 1825
Rev Wm. Hardwicke, Mr A Chairman.

Charter Meeks, of Chatteris, wheelwright, indicted for assaulting Elizabeth Pope, wife of a labouring man. Guilty – one month's confinement at Wisbech and to find a surety for his good behaviour for six months more.

Matthew Seakins, Wm. Seakins and Joseph Seakins, of Downham labourers, found guilty of disturbing the congregation in the church at Witcham on Sunday 28th November last, when the Rev. Charles Pugh was administering divine service there – sentenced to be committed to Ely house of correction for six weeks, and to pay a fine of 1s each to the King.

John Pate, for an assault on the pinder of Downham to be imprisoned for one week, and pay a fine of £1.

James Reader and Thomas Reader, watermen, for assaulting John Teed and Wm. Simkin, constables of Wisbech St. Peter, to be imprisoned two calendar months at hard labour.

William Goode of Whittlesea, a pauper, for having on 6th January repeatedly knocked violently at the overseer's door, at 10 o'clock at night, when he was in bed, and disturbed the neighbourhood, by demanding relief – sentenced to one months' hard labour at Wisbech.

January 21 1825
January 28 1825
Burnt Fen First District
Payment of Taxes
Notice is hereby given, that the Commissioners of the said District did at an Adjourned Half Yearly Meeting, holden at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 29 April, 1824, assess, tax, and charge all and singular the Fen Lands and Low Grounds within the said District with a Tax of one shilling and sixpence per acre and a gradual Tax not exceeding one shilling and sixpence per acre, and a further gradual Tax not exceeding three shillings per acre, on each and every acre of the Fen Lands and Low Grounds, and so in proportion for any less quantity than an acre, and that the several Taxes have been ordered by the Commissioners to be paid to me as their Receiver, on account of William Searle, Esq. their Treasurer, at my Office, in Ely, before or on the first day of March next.

And notice is hereby also given, that any person liable to payment of the Rates and Taxes and omitting to pay the same to me for twenty days from the time appointed, will forfeit and be required to pay to the Commissioners by way of penalty for such omission, the sum of three shillings and four pence for every twenty shillings of the Rates and Taxes which shall be in arrear and unpaid, and so in proportion for any less sum than twenty shillings.

Thomas Archer, Jun.
Clerk and Receiver to the Commissioners

February 4 1825
February 11 1825

Death – On Tuesday 25 ultimo at Ely, after a long illness, much respected by all who knew her, aged 57, Mrs Hattersley, wife of Mr Robert Hattersley, of that city. This truly amiable woman has within the last sixteen years followed four sons and two lovely daughters to the grave.

At Ely, on Tuesday last, 18 years of age, after the most exemplary patience and resignation to the Divine Will, Miss Groves, grand-daughter of Mr Richard Scott, of that place
Sweet bird of grace,
And art thou gone! And is thy spirit fled,
To blossom and to blow with Saints in Heav'n

February 18 1825
Isle of Ely Adjourned Sessions
Will be holden at the Sessions House, in Ely, on Thursday 24 February inst., at eleven o'clock forenoon.
Steed Girdlestone
Deputy Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech.

Notice is hereby given, that the Partnership subsisting between us, the undersigned, Edward Freeman and Robert Spencely, of the City of Ely, in the Isle of Ely and county of Cambridge, Plumbers, Glaziers, and Painters, under the firm of "Freeman and Spencely." hath this day been Dissolved by mutual consent. All debts due to and from the said Co-partnership account will be received and paid by the said Robert Spencely. Witness our hands this 11th day of February 1825.
Edward Freeman
Robert Spencely.

Robert Spencely
Plumber, Glazier and Painter
Fore Hill Ely
Begs leave most respectfully to inform the Gentry and Inhabitants of Ely and its vicinity, that the partnership lately subsisting between Edward Freeman and himself has been dissolved by mutual consent, and that the business will in future be carried on by himself, and he trusts, by using the most strenuous exertions in completing the orders he may be favoured with in a workman-like manner, and on the most reasonable terms, to merit a continuance of that patronage which the partnership concern so liberally experienced, and which it will be his constant study to merit one concern.
Ely February 12 1825.

February 25 1825
Turnpike road – Leading from Cambridge to Ely etc. called the "South District". Intended Side Gate near Denny Point.
Notice is hereby given that the Trustees of the Turnpike roads under the Act passed in the fifth year of the reign of his present Majesty, "For amending and improving the road from Cambridge to Ely, and other roads therein mentioned, in the county of Cambridge, and for making a road from or near the Town of Littleport, in the Isle of Ely, to the Ferry or Floating Bridge over the Hundred-feet river, in the parish of Welney, in the county of Norfolk" so far as relates to the said South District, will meet at the house of Henry Rance, called or known by the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Monday 14 march next, at the hour of eleven forenoon, in order to consult about erecting a Toll Gate on the side of the Turnpike road in the said South District, leading from Cambridge to Ely, at the east end of the road adjoining Denny Point, near a certain cottage called Mails' Cottage, leading from the said last – mentioned Turnpike road by and across Cottenham common to a Ferry called Twenty Pence Ferry.
Dated 10th February 1825

H.R.Evans, Clerk of the said Trustees.

March 4 1825
March 11 1825
Death – On Friday sen'night, at Ely Luke Simpson, Esq in the 76th year of his age.

A general Meeting of the Commissioners of drainage was held at the Shire Hall, Ely, immediately after the adjournment of the Special meeting, for the purpose of taking into consideration the provisions of the bill before Parliament.
Full account on page 3. Cols. 1 & 2.

March 11 1825
Caution to Parish Officers – It is reported there are now travelling about the isle of Ely, three women with two or three infant children, who call upon the overseers or constables of parishes with a paper called a pass, and endeavour to impose upon them by requiring relief or mileage, not only for themselves, but upwards of a hundred others, who they pretend are then upon the road. In one parish in the Isle, they succeeded so far, by these false pretences, as to obtain money to the amount of five pounds, with which they immediately decamped. Other parishes, it is hoped, will be cautious not to be made dupes of these artful and designing hypocrites.

March 18 1825
March 25 1825
The Commission of assize for the Isle of Ely will be opened on Saturday evening 2nd April, at Ely, and the Chief Justice will proceed to business immediately after divine service on the following Monday morning.

April 1 1825
The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at Ely on Wednesday 13th April inst. by 10 of the clock forenoon. The several clerks to the Justices are requested to send the Depositions and Recognizances to Mr Steed Girdlestone, the Deputy Clerk of the Peace, at Wisbech, on or before the Saturday proceding.
Bellamy, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech.

April 8 1825
Death – On Sunday last, at Ely, aged 84years, Grenado Pigott, gent of that city.

On the same day, aged 30 Mr Thomas Hattersley courier, of Ely.

Isle of Ely Assizes
Opened on Saturday evening by Henry Storks, Esq. Chief Justice. On Monday morning his Lordship attended service at the Cathedral where a sermon was preach by the Rev. Philip Durham, after which the Chief Justice proceeded to the Shire hall, where the following gentlemen were sworn on the
Grand Jury

Jonathan Page, Esq	Richard Ruston jun.
Robert Dix, Gent	Wm Seward
John Garratt	Thomas Grounds
Charles Martin	Wm. P Atkinson
Wm Hodgson	Charles Smith
John Dowson	John Blunt
Charles Boucher	John Boyce
John Bates	Wm Pallett
Richard Ruston sen.	Joseph Vipan

The learned Judge then delivered his charge to the Grand Jury, nearly as follows-
"Gentlemen of the Jury – I feel assured that it is quite unnecessary on my part to make any observation for the purpose of awakening in your minds a deep interest in the great and noble duty which the peculiar advantages of that constitution, under which we have the happiness to live, has this day imposed upon you. Feeling, as you must, what may be truly called the grandeur of your station, I am convinced you will leave with cheerfulness the duties and avocations of private life, and devote with pleasure your time to the public, that you will bring to the discharge of your duties, as jurors, intelligence, patience, forbearance, tenderness to the accused, and, at the same time an undeviating firmness in the administration of justice. As your time is so sacred, I am unwilling to consume it with vain and idle observations, as there is nothing in the calendar which requires any particular comment.

I have now had the honour of filling this place for four circuits, and when I consider the great extent of country over which this court has jurisdiction, the number of its population, and compare it with other parts of his Majestys' dominion, it give me great pleasure to observe, that there is no place so little marked by crime or atrocity as this.

During the time I have had the honour of filling this situation, there has not been a single crime brought before me of such an atrocious or cruel character, as to call upon me to exercise the painful duty of passing sentence of death upon any convict. If persons choose to cavil or make remarks upon the immorality of this part of the country, let them visit your courts of justice, and their prejudices must vanish. The Legislature, I am happy to say, intend making great improvements in the administration of justice; and though it would no become me to state, at present, the nature of those improvements, I may say, that they have in contemplation some of the most important and enlightened measures of jurisprudence which have marked this enlightened age; and I hope, when I next address you, I shall have to congratulate you upon their being fully carried into effect." The learned Judge then made a few observations upon the case of Sarah Melbourne, and adverted to the complaints he had last time occasion to make respecting the depositions of the magistrates. He had the pleasure to state, that the depositions had now been sent with regularity and were drawn up with great neatness. He concluded by desiring the grand jury to return a bill as soon as possible, that the business might proceed.

William Holland (aged 29) was indicted for stealing a horse from the stable of Mr Mark Turnell of Thorney, on the night of 26th November – The horse was locked up in the prosecutors' stable on the evening of the 26 November, by a servant in his employ, and on the following morning, at six o'clock, the padlock of the stable door, it was discovered, had been wrenched off during the night and the horse taken away. The prisoner was seen with the horse in question, on the evening after the robbery, at Market Raisin, Lincolnshire, where he put up at the Plough Inn. After being questioned by a constable, the circumstances were of so suspicious a nature that he was apprehended.

Three witnesses gave him a good character – The jury found him guilty, but the prosecutor recommended him to mercy. His life would not be forfeited, but he could not be permitted to live any longer in the land in which he was born.

Sarah Melbourne, (23) was indicted for stealing from the person of Edward Dalby, of Whittlesea, ten promissory notes of twenty pounds each, on the 4th February. The prosecutor had occasionally employed the prisoner on his farm, she having lived with him whilst in his employ.

The prosecutor had disposed of part of his property for which he had received £200.

During an evening of drinking with the prisoner he realised he had been robbed.
The next day the prisoner said he had given her the money.

The jury after some deliberation returned a verdict of guilt – the Judge in sentencing said he had no doubt that the prosecutor was a guilty companion and was entitled to nothing but retrobation. The prisoner was the mother of two children and he should take them into consideration in the sentence he passed upon her which was that she be imprisoned six months; at Ely, and the last month in solitary confinement. It was understood that the prisoner consented to return £100 of the money.

Thomas Bellamy (27) indicted for stealing from the person of Joseph Palmer, promissory notes to the amount of above £25.

Sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment at Wisbech and kept to hard labour.

John Coulson (26) indicted for a burglary at March, on 13th November Mr John Buswell, the prosecutor is a shop keeper and on 14 November he perceived the warehouse window had been broken open and a quantity of sugar, soap, hops, etc. had been taken away. The articles were found hidden and a watch was kept and the prisoner apprehended. Found guilty and judgement of death was recorded.

William Timms (26) indicted for killing and stealing part of the carcass of a sheep, the property of William Bridges, of Whittlesea on 22nd December. Verdict guilty – Judgement of death recorded.

Francis Reeve (17) convicted of stealing a brass boiler, from the dwelling house of John Ward a labouring man residing at Ely. The prisoner was sentenced to be imprisoned one month, during which time to be once publicly whipped on a market day.

Robert Mair (17) indicted for stealing a pig, the property of Mr Cropley of Ely, on 27th October. The next day the prisoner sold Mr Cropley's pig and another to a person in Ely who employed a man to drive them home, but when he had driven them as far as Mr Cropley's the pig ran into the yard among the others. Found guilty – one months imprisonment and to be publicly whipped on market day.

There was another indictment against prisoner for stealing the pig from Mr Page, but it was not proceeded with.

Willson Wybrow was indicted for an assault upon Robert Woodbine, a constable of Littleport, on the 24th December during a disturbance at the Crown Inn. Verdict – not guilty.

April 15

April 22

Death – At Ely on the 19th inst., aged 66 years, Paymaster Gilbert Woollard, of the Cambridgeshire Militia; in which corps he served for upwards of 40 years.

The Cambridgeshire regiment of militia will be assembled at Ely, on Tuesday 10th May, for twenty-eight days training and exercise.

Turnpike-road – Leading from Cambridge to Ely and Soham – called the "South District".

April 29 1825

A meeting of the Trustees will be holden at the Red Lion Inn, in Ely, on Tuesday 3rd may, for the purpose of taking into consideration the state of the Toll Houses belonging to the Trust, and to receive the Reports of the several Committees appointed for removing the Toll-Houses and Toll-Gates at Bugs Lane and Mepal, and on other business.

Dated 16th day of April 1825

H. R. Evans Clerk

Valuable Freehold Estate

St Mary's Parish, Ely

To Be Sold by Auction

By C Legge

At the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 5th May next, between the hours of six and eight in the evening subject to such conditions of sale as will then be produced.

An exceedingly good Messuage or Dwelling House, most pleasantly situated in St. Mary's Parish in Ely, consisting of an entrance hall, excellent sitting-room and parlour, four good bedrooms and large attic; capital kitchen and cellar with chambers over, wash house, Lodges, stable and other useful and convenient outbuildings, and now in the tenure of Mrs Mary Wilks and her under-tenants.

Also a neat and newly – erected Dwelling House, adjoining the above premises, with a large room behind the same (sometimes used as a Methodist Chapel) Lodge and other outbuildings to the said last mentioned dwelling-house attached, and now in the tenure of Mr Roadhouse, together with a

spacious yard (in which there is a pump and well of excellent spring water, and a very large soft-water cistern) and a large garden walled round and planted with choice Fruit Trees.

The above mentioned premises are in excellent repair, and form altogether a most desirous situation for a respectable family: the whole, except the gateway and the house in the tenure of Mr Roadhouse, is Freehold.
Further particulars enquire of the auctioneer or Mr Dench, solicitor, Ely.

May 6 1825
Mrs Baxter of Ely
Has received a Commission for selling Superfine Broad Cloths, Plain Cloths, Kerseymeres, Woollen Cloths, Waistcoatings, Ladies' Cloths and Pelisse Cloths.

Patterns (cut from the pieces) may be seen at her house, in Jail Street Ely.

The goods are of the very best quality, and manufactured from superior wools, purchased before the late advance. Those who may favour her with their orders will have the goods delivered to them in a few days. The price will be affixed to each article from which an allowance will be made to Tailors as under:-

		S	D	
On Pelisse Cloths	1s	1	6	
On Superfines		2	0	Per yard
On Ladies' Habit Cloth		2	0	
On Kerseymeres		1	6	And will be made to every customer.
On Plain cloths	9d	1	**0**	Young men who are desirous of entering into
On Waistcoatings	1s	1	6	Business will receive encouragement.
On Quiltings	9d	1	0	

Cambridgeshire Militia.

Notice is hereby given, that at a General Meeting of the Lieutenancy of the County of Cambridge held at the Red Lion Inn, in Cambridge, on Tuesday 26th ult. It was ordered that the Cambridgeshire Regiment of Militia should assemble on the Market Hill, in Ely, on Tuesday 10th of May, at Eleven o'clock forenoon, for the purpose of being trained and exercised for the space of twenty-eight days.

And all Persons enrolled and serving in the said Militia are hereby required to attend at Ely on the day above mentioned.

And every Militia man not labouring under any Infirmity incapacitating him, who shall not appear at the time and place aforesaid, will be deemed a Deserter and forfeit £20.

And every Person having joined the Regiment, who shall desert and absent himself during the time of such exercise, and shall not be taken until after the time of such Exercise, will forfeit the sum of £20.

And if such penalty shall not be immediately paid, the Justice of the Peace before whom any such Militia man shall be convicted of any such offence, is empowered to commit such Militia man to the House of Correction, to hard labour, or to the Common Gaol there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for the space of Six months, or until he shall have paid the said Penalty.
By order of the Lieutenancy,
John Ingle

Clerk of the General Meeting

April 26, 1825.
May 13 1825
Death – On Monday last, at Ely, in the 20th year, of his age, after a lingering illness, borne without a murmur. William Dix, the last surviving child of Mr Robert Dix, of that place, who has been singularly unfortunate in losing all his family in the bloom of life.

Ely
Excellent Dwelling Houses and Premises
To Be Sold by Auction – by Mr Christopher Legge.
At the Lamb Inn, Ely, on Thursday 26th May, 1825, at seven o'clock in the evening.

Lot 1. A neat and newly erected brick and tiled Messuage and Tenement, situate at the farther end of Broad St, in Ely, consisting of a good keeping-room, large shop, and back house on the ground floor, and two excellent rooms above, together with a large yard, good stables and lodges behind now in occupation of Mrs Mursun
Copyhold of Ely Porta Manor.

Lot 2. A neat brick and tiled Messuage and Tenement, situate at the upper end of Broad Street, near the Fore Hill, in Ely, consisting of an excellent parlour and sitting room in front, with passage between and large kitchen and wash house adjoining, on the ground floor, four good sleeping rooms on second floor, and two large attics, a small yard and out-houses, late in occupation of Mr Thomas Cross.
Copyhold of the manor of Ely Porta.
Further particulars enquire of Mr Thomas Edwards, Solicitor, Cambridge.

May 20, 1825
Death – Yesterday at Ely, Mr Johnson, Schoolmaster.

Committed to Ely gaol yesterday (by the Rev. W. Seymore) Michael Richardson, aged 22, of the parish of Witcham, charged on oath of Rebecca his wife and others, on suspicion of having, on or about the 22nd of April last, maliciously, wilfully, and feloniously administered or caused to be administered to his wife, some deadly poison, with intent to kill and murder.

May 27 1825
The three convicts against whom judgement of death was recorded at the last Ely assizes, have had their sentences commuted to transportation, viz. John Coulson, for burglary, fourteen years; William Timms, for killing a sheep with intent to steal the carcase, seven years; and William Holland, for horse stealing, to be transported for life.
The latter offence having considerably increased. Government has thought proper to visit it with greater punishment than that of the other convicts.

June 3 1825

June 10 1825
We are informed that the Right Rev. The Lord Bishop of Ely intends to hold his fourth quadrennial visitation and confirmation on Wednesday, July 13th – At Ely, for the deanery of Ely.

June 17 1825
Freehold Windmill
And Closes of Pasture
At Ely.

To Be Sold by Auction. By C Legge.
At the Red Lion Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 23rd June at seven in the evening.
The following Valuable Premises

Lot 1. A Post Windmill, in Ely, adjoining the Old Witchford road, and working Two Pair of Stones, with the gears, Tackling, and Machinery thereto belonging, and the Outbuildings used Therewith, and the Land on which the said Windmill and Buildings stand, as now fenced off from the next lot, and containing by estimation, One Rood (more or Less).
Lot 2. A Capital Close of Highland Pasture, adjoining the last lot, and containing by estimation Four Acres (more of less).
Lot 3. Another Close of like Pasture Land, adjoining the last lot, and containing, by estimation Three Acres and one Rood (more or less).
Lot 4. Two Roods (more or less) of excellent Pasture Land, in Hopherds Lane, in Ely, lying intermixed with a Close belonging to Mr W. Rayner.

Lots 1, 2, and 3, are in the tenure of the Executors of Mr William Simpson, under a lease which expires at Michaelmas next.
Further particulars of Evans and Archer, Ely.

June 24 1825
Burnt Fen First District.
We, the undersigned Commissioners for putting in force the Acts of parliament relating to the Drainage of the above District, do hereby appoint a Meeting of the Commissioners of Drainage under the said Acts, to be holden at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 30th June inst. at two o'clock afternoon, for the purpose of considering the state of the Works, and of transacting such other business relative to the Drainage of the said District as may appear necessary.
Dated 18th June 1825

Jonathan Page	Thomas Spooner
John Seaber	John Seaber, jun.
George Wing	James Seaber
Smith Flanders	George Hall

Thomas Archer, Clerk to the Commissioners

July 1 1825
Death – On Tuesday last, deeply lamented, after an illness of three months, aged 53, Mr William Cooper, of Ely.

July 8 1825
The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at Wisbech, on Wednesday 13 July, by ten of the clock forenoon.
Bellamy Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech

July 15 1825
Valuable Land – Ely
To Be Sold by Auction – By C. Legge
At the White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 21st July at seven in the evening.

Lot 1. Nine Acres of excellent Land, near Stuntney Causeway in Ely, and between the Overfall Mill Drain and the road leading to Quaney, and called "The Triangular Piece".
Lot 2 Ten Acres of like Land, lying on the north-east side of Lot 1.
Lot 3. Nine Acres and three Roods of like Land on north-east side of Lot 2.
Lot 4. Ten Acres and three Roods of like Land on north-east side of Lot 3.

The Premises are Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Porta, and are subject to the Middle Fen Drainage and Eau Brink Drainage Taxes the latter of which will expire in 1833.
Particulars of Evans and Archer.

July 22 1825
Ely Cathedral – The Rev. the Dean and Chapter of Ely, with their accustomed spirit and liberality, have this and last season expended a large sum of money in painting and colouring the interior of that beautiful structure. It is nearly finished, and has a very grand and imposing appearance. A few days since, as one of the workmen was descending from the cradle by means of a rope used for that purpose, he fell when about 18 feet from the floor, and was much bruised, but happily is now doing well.

Isle of Ely Sessions Wisbech July 13.
Before Robert Hardwicke Esq., Chairman Ely Trinity, appellants, V. Wisbech St Peter's respondents.

This was an appeal to an order of removal, whereby Crissey Cotton (the wife of Edw. Christopher Cotton a travelling book vender, who had absconded and left his wife and family chargeable to Wisbech St Peter's) and her three children were removed from the respondents' to the appellants' parish. The Court confirmed the order of removal but granted a case for the opinion of the Court of Kings' Bench.

Robert Walker, the well known and respectable driver of the Lynn Coach, was indicted for assaulting – Peed of Ely, machineman who was wheeling a pair of wheels along the road opposite the Sessions House at Ely. Walker ran foul of the wheels and struck Peed on the hand with his whip and caused Peed to fall in the gutter. Verdict not guilty. After one or two trifling cases the Court broke up.

July 29 1825
August 5 1825
August 12 1825
August 19 1825
Marriage – On Tuesday last, at Ely (by the Rev. Mr Griffith) Mr C. R. Clay, printer of Devonshire Street, London, to Miss Painter, only daughter of the late Mr. R Painter, of this place.

On Tuesday last the 12th annual meeting of the Isle of Ely Auxiliary Bible Society was held at Ely, and was numerously attended. George Pryme Esq., in the chair. The meeting was addressed by Thomas Poll Pratt, Esq., the Revs. Messrs Alexander Start, Venn, Thoday, Holland and W. Holmes; Messrs Tomson, Camps, Saunders, Robert Dawbarn and A Usill. The report gave an encouraging statement of the proceedings of the Society, viz. of the increasing exertions of its associations, of the circulation of a greater number of Bibles and Testaments than some preceding years, and of a larger sum being collected than was raised in the former year. The speeches were exceedingly interesting, and it is hoped such an impression was produced as will have a tendency to enlarge the operations of the society in the city of Ely and its neighbourhood. After the meeting was concluded several gentlemen met at the lamb Inn for the purpose of forming an association for the city. Resolutions were agreed to, and a provisional committee appointed to carry the intended objects into effect.

August 26 1825
Three Guineas Reward
Whereas Charles Lovell, late of Ely, labourer, hath lately Absconded, leaving his wife and family chargeable to the parish of the Holy Trinity in Ely: - whoever will apprehend and lodge the said Charles Lovell in one of his Majesty's gaols, and give notice thereof to the Officers of the parish of the Holy Trinity in Ely, or to Mr Marshall, solicitor, Ely, shall receive a reward of Three Guineas.

The said Charles Lovell is about 30 years of age, 5 foot 8 inches high, dark complexion, grey eyes, brown hair, and oval visage; had on when he absconded a short slop of fustian trousers; he was heard to say he should go into Lincolnshire.

September 2 1825
The Isle of Ely Adjourned Sessions
will be holden at the Sessions House, in Ely, on Thursday 8th September next, at eleven o'clock forenoon.
Steed Girdlestone
Deputy Clerk of the Peace.

Abstract of the Accounts of the Treasurers of the Isle of Ely to the 5th July, 1825, passed and allowed at a special Sessions of the Peace, holden at March, in and for the said Isle, on the said 5th day of July 1825.

Receipt	£	S	D
By Balance of last accounts	793	1	11¾
Isle rates	1,530	15	4
The Treasurer of the Town of Cambridge, a moiety of contribution money paid for prisoners in the Fleet, Kings Bench, and Marshelsea Prisons.	5	0	0
Penalties received on convictions for false weights and measures.	18	15	0
Produce of the sale of the said weights and balances		13	0
Balance due from the Isle	252	18	6
	£2601	3	9¾

Expenditure	£	S	D
Paid for conveyance of vagrants and offenders to gaol, relieving poor travellers, and charges of pursuing felons	112	6	9
Prosecution orders at assizes and Sessions	543	14	3
For Militia Claims	31	19	9
Expences of Gaol and Houses of Correction	1,105	7	3¼
Repairs etc. of Shire Halls, Gaols & Houses of Correction	86	15	4½
Contribution money for prisoners in the Fleet, King's Bench & Marshalsea prisons	10	0	0
Treasurers Salaries	60	0	00
Clerk of the Peace and Magistrates' Clerks for general business	233	8	3
Coroner's Accounts	60	0	0
Salaries to Receivers of Assize Returns	33	10	0
Salaries to High Constables and others, and for their incidental expences	121	8	7
Crier's fees at the assizes	1	0	6
Printing and stationers' bills	36	0	6
Conveying felons to the Hulks	14	0	0
Sundry incidental expences not included under the aforegoing heads	151	11	10
	£2601	3	9¾

H. R. Evans
Hugh Jackson — Treasurers

September 9 1825
Death – On Saturday last, at Ely, in the 88 year of her age, Mrs Mary Bull, relict of Mr Seth Bull, timber merchant.

On Wednesday last, sincerely respected and lamented by his family and friends, Mr Richard Scott, of Ely, aged 67 years

On Thursday the 1st inst., Edward Roberts, in the employ of Jonathan Page, Esq., of Ely, was binding a load of corn when he unfortunately fell and broke his neck.

Turnpike Road – Leading from Cambridge to Ely and thence to Soham, called the "South District"
Notice is hereby given, that a meeting of the Trustees will be holden at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Monday 19th Sept, inst. at eleven o'clock forenoon, on General Business.
H. R. Evans. Clerk

Turnpike road – leading from Ely to Downham in Norfolk called the "North District"
Notice is hereby given, that a meeting of the Trustees will be holden at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Monday 19 September, at eleven o'clock forenoon, on General Business.
H. R. Evans. Clerk

September 16 1825
September 23 1825
Birth – on the 17th inst, in the College Ely, the lady of the Rev. H. Fardell, of a son.

Marriage – On Saturday last, at Ely St Mary's (by the Rev. Lancelot Robert Brown), the Rev. Thomas, Charles Brown, Chaplain to the Duke of Manchester, to Frances Page, only daughter of the late William Page, Esq.

Death – At Ely on the 14 inst. (having survived his mother less than a fortnight) the infant and only son of Mr James Goodbody, sheep salesman of London.

September 30 1825
Marriage – On the 20th inst. Mr James Griffin, of the Ship Inn, Ely, to Miss Ann Hunt, of Newmarket.

The Right Rev. The Lord Bishop of Ely, intends to hold a General Ordination of Sunday 6th November next; and therefore desires all those who purpose to offer themselves as Candidates for Holy Orders, to send their usual and requisite papers under cover to his Lordship, at the Palace, at Ely, within three weeks from the date hereof accompanied with their respective addresses, soon after which they will receive notice of the time and place for examination.

Sept. 28 1825
Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at Ely on Wednesday 19th October inst. by ten of the clock forenoon. The several Clerks to the Justices are requested to send the Depositions and Recognizances to Mr Steed Girdlestone, the Deputy Clerk of the Peace, at Wisbech, on or before the Saturday preceding.
Bellamy, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech

October 14 1825
October 21 1825
Turnpike Road Leading from Cambridge to Ely and thence to Soham and Mepal Called the "South District"
The annual General Meeting of the Trustees will be holden at the Club Inn, in Ely, on Monday 24 Oct. at eleven o'clock forenoon when the Accounts of the Trustees will be Audited, and the state of the road reported.
H. R. Evans. Clerk

Turnpike Road – Leading from Ely to Downham, in Norfolk called the "North District"
The annual General Meeting of the Trustees, will be holden at the White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Tuesday 25th October, at eleven o'clock forenoon, when the Accounts will be Audited, and the state of the road reported.
H. R. Evans. Clerk

Capital Lighter
Horse Boat
And Household furniture – Ely
To Be Sold by Auction. By Dix & Marshall
On Saturday 22nd inst at the Ship Inn, Ely.
the Property of the late Robert Bunting of Burwell.

October 28 1825
Death on Tuesday last, in the 86th year of her age, Mrs Layton, of Ely.

November 4 1825
Capital Post Windmill, etc.
Downham near Ely.

To Be Sold by Private Contract, an excellent Post Windmill, working two pair of Stones, with Bolting-Mill, going gears etc. complete, situate at Downham, in the Isle of Ely, together with a stable and cart Lodge, standing near, and Half an Acre (more of less) of Land, to the same belonging, being Freehold.

Also a neat and newly erected Brick and Slated messuage and Tenement situate in the centre of the town of Downham, with convenient Yard, Stable and outbuildings, well adapted for a Public House having a large dry-cellar under same.
Copyhold of the Manor of Downham

November 11 1825
November 18 1825
Burnt Fen First District
A Meeting of the Commissioners of the above District will be held at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 24th November inst. at two o'clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment from the last meeting.
Thomas Archer, Clerk to the Commissioners.

November 25 1825
December 2 1825
December 9 1825
The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden by Adjournment at the Sessions House, in Ely, on Thursday 15th December inst. at 11 o'clock forenoon.
Steed Girdlestone, Deputy Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech.

December 16 1825
Two Guineas Reward.
Whereas Thomas Benstead, of the Parish of Saint Mary, in Ely, labourer, has absconded, and left his family chargeable to the said parish, whoever will apprehend, or give information to the Overseers of the Parish, so that he may be apprehended shall receive the above reward of Two Guineas and all reasonable expences
The said Thomas Benstead is about 35 years of age six feet high, stout made, dark complexion, short black hair; had on when he left his family, a short smock frock, a waist coat, worsted – corded breeches, and high shoes.
Dated 12 December, 1825
By Order of the Vestry

Robert Few
Edward Hills — Overseers

To Be Sold by Auction – By C. Legge
The Following valuable Estates
In Ely
Forty-nine Acres of Land in Further Middle Fen, in the occupation of Mr Thomas Day.
Three Acres of Pasture at Chettisham, in the occupation of Mr John Hawkins.
Six Acres in Waterden, in the occupation of Mr William Lavender.
Six Acres in ditto, in the occupation of Mr William Lawrence.
Twelve Acres in Padnal, in occupation of Mr. John Pond.
Seven Acres in Burnt Fen, in occupation of Jonathan Page Esq.
Six Acres in Redmoor, in occupation of Mr William Layton.
The above estates are let to tenants at will, who are under notice to quit.

December 23 1825

December 30 1825
Marriage – On Monday last, Mr Richard Freeman, builder, of Cambridge, to Mary, second daughter of Mr James Wilks of Ely.

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January 6 1826
Isle of Ely – Weights and Measures
Notice is hereby given, that Models and Copies of the several Standards of Length, Weight, and Measure, as regulated by an Act of parliament passed in the fifth year of the reign of his present Majesty, initiated "An Act for ascertaining and establishing Uniformity of Weights and Measures," have been ordered to be made for the service of the Isle of Ely, but that the same are not yet received.

As son as the several Models and Copies shall be completed and received, notice thereof will be given, in order that all persons interested may have recourse to the same.
Steed Girdlestone
Deputy Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech

The prisoners in the gaol at Ely, and those in the house of Correction at Wisbech, return thanks to the High Bailiff of the Isle, for a comfortable dinner and a pint of ale each, to the former on Christmas and the latter on New Year's Day.

January 13 1826
Turnpike – road – Leading from Ely to Downham, in Norfolk, called the "North District".
Notice is hereby given, that a Meeting of the said Trustees of the Turnpike road, will be holden at the Castle Inn, in Downham, on Saturday 28th January inst, at eleven o'clock forenoon, for the purpose of taking into consideration the state of the road, and of the finances of the trust, and on general business.
Dated 12th January, 1826
H R Evans Clerk

Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions, Wisbech Jan.11th 1826
Rev. Wm. Hardwicke Chairman

John Faukener, a waterman, lodged an appeal against his conviction by the Rev. James Tobias Cooke a magistrate at Whittlesea. He had been convicted as a rogue and vagabond, and two years ago had left his wife and children chargeable to Whittlesea and only returned lately, said he had been ill but it was proved he had been in work, and only sent 8s. during his absence to his wife. Sentenced six calendar months' hard labour at Wisbech.

John Wright and John Gills reconizances of £40 and £20 were ordered to be estreated for not obeying the orders of the Court.
Articles of the Peace were granted and filed in Court against James Bilney, labourer, for an assent upon and threatening to stab his wife. The prisoner has much ill-treated his wife at several times. On being taken to Ely on the 9th, he told Robert Woodbine, the constable of Littleport, that when he got his liberty he would kill her. Ordered to find sureties, himself in £20 and two others in £10 each. Imprisoned until they are found.

Joseph Hunt, of Wisbech, labourer, indicted for having, on 2nd inst. stolen a shoulder of mutton from the shop of John Goodyer of Wisbech St Peter.
In consequence of the abstractedness of the prisoners mind, he was sentenced only to one month's hard labour at Wisbech, he had formerly been sentenced to seven years' transportation, but released before time expired for good conduct.
Wm. Haylock, a labourer to Mr Wm. Ruston of Chatteris, farmer, found guilty of stealing on 3rd December last, two geese and one gander, the property of Wm. Ruston.
Sentenced to 3 months' hard labour at Wisbech.

January 20 1826
Turnpike road – Leading from Cambridge to Ely called the "South District", a meeting of the Trustees will be holden at the White Hart Inn in Ely on Wednesday, 8th February, at eleven o'clock forenoon for the purpose of letting the Tolls at Soham, Ely, Sutton, and Stretham.
H R Evans, Clerk

January 27 1826
February 3 1826
The Lord Chancellor has appointed Mr. Wm Marshall, of Ely, solicitor, a Master extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery.

Death on Thursday 26th ult., aged 49 years, Mr. Henry Rance, Landlord of the Lamb Inn, Ely. A man who, for the suavity of his temper and urbanity of his manners, was equalled by few but excelled by none, as such he was universally beloved and respected. In his demise his family have to deplore the loss of a tender husband and indulgent parent, his domestic's a kind and forgiving master, and the poor of Ely a liberal benefactor in the hour of distress.

On Sunday last, aged 37 years, after two days' illness, Margaret, the wife of Mr Francis Luddington, farrier, of Littleport, leaving a family of ten children with their father to deplore the great and irreparable loss of a loving wife and an indulgent and affectionate mother.

February 10 1826
The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden by Adjournment at the Sessions House, at Ely, on Thursday 16th February inst., at eleven o'clock forenoon.
Steed Girdlestone
Deputy Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech
To Patten and Clog Makers
Willow Hat Manufacturers, Carpenters etc.
Capital Willow and Poplar Trees
Ely
To Be Sold by Auction by C. Legge
On Tuesday 28th February inst.
205 willow and 3 Poplar Trees
Which are now felling on Cole's island, near Ely Bridge, many of them of large dimensions.; they will be divided into lots for the convenience of purchasers, and will be sold on the island, which lies near to the turnpike road and adjoins the river Ouze.
Six months, credit will be given on approved joint security.
The Sale will begin at eleven o'clock precisely.

February 17 1826

Burnt Fen First District – Payment of Taxes.
Notice is hereby given, that the Commissioners of the said District did, at an adjourned Half Yearly Meeting holden at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 14th April 1825, assess, rate, tax, and charge all

and singular the Fen Lands and Low Grounds within the District, with a Tax of one shilling and sixpence per Acre, and a gradual Tax not exceeding one shilling and sixpence per Acre, and a further gradual Tax not exceeding Three shillings per Acre, on each and every Acre of the Fen Lands and Low Grounds, and so in proportion for any less quantity than an acre; and that the said several Taxes have been ordered by the Commissioners to be paid to me, as their Receiver, at my office, in Ely, on or before the first day of March next.

And Notice is hereby also given that any person liable to payment of the said Rates and Taxes, and omitting to pay the same to me for 20 days from the time so appointed for payment hereof, will forfeit and be required to pay to the Commissioners, by way of penalty for such omission, the sum of Three Shillings and Four pence for every Twenty Shillings of the said Rates and Taxes which shall be so in arrears and unpaid, and so in proportion for any less sum than Twenty shillings.
Dated 4th February 1826
Thomas Archer
Clerk and Receiver to the Commissioners.

February 24 1826
Death – On Monday last, in the 19th year of her age, Mary Anne, eldest daughter of Mr. Geo. Hall, of Ely.

March 3 1826
March 10 1826
The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden by Adjournment at the Sessions House, at Wisbech, on Sat. 11th March inst., at eleven o'clock forenoon.
Steed Girdlestone
Deputy Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech

March 17 1826
Burnt Fen First District
Notice is hereby given, that a General Half-Yearly Meeting of the Commissioners of Drainage for the above District, will be holden at the Lamb Inn, Ely, on Thursday 30th March inst., at twelve o'clock noon
Thomas Archer
Clerk to the Commissioners

The Commission of Assize for the Isle of Ely, will be opened at Ely, on Friday evening 31st March inst.

March 17 1826
Ely, Stuntney, Downham and Coveney
To Be Sold by Auction
By C Legge
At the Red Lion Inn, Ely, on 23rd March between the hours of three and five in the afternoon, in lots and subject to conditions of sale as shall then and there be produced. The following
Valuable Estates
In Ely
49 Acres of Land in Middle Fen, in the occupation of Mr Thomas Day.
3 Acres of Pasture at Chettisham, in the occupation of Mr Wm. Lavender.
6 Acres in Ditto, in the occupation of Mr. Wm. Lawrence
12 Acres in Padnal, in occupation of Mr John Pond
7 Acres in Burnt Fen, in occupation of Mr Jonathan Page Esq.
6 Acres in Redmore, in occupation of Mr. Wm. Layton
In Stuntney

20 Acres called ‘the Roundabouts’, and a Close of Pasture containing Four Acres, near the same, in the occupation of Mr. John Jugg.
In Downham
23 Acres of Arable Land
46 Acres of Pasture, at the Hurst
20 Acres at Marshall End, of which 18 Acres of Pasture
9 Acres in the Hundred Feet Washes, and 9 Acres in Fodder Fen
All in occupation of Mr. Chas. Martin.
24 Acres in Pymoor, in the occupation of Mr. John Waxham.
In Coveney
7 Acres in Coveney Fen, in occupation of Mr. John Foreman
The above estates are all let to tenants “at” will who are under notice to quit.
Printed particulars on application to the Auctioneer or to Messrs Evans and Archer, Ely.

March 24 1826
Lamb Inn and Posting – House
Ely Cambridgeshire
Martha Rance, impressed with gratitude for the liberal support she has experienced for the last 20 years, during the life of her late Husband, begs to return her most sincere thanks for the same, and at the same time begs leave to inform her friends, the Nobility, Commercial Gentlemen, and the Public in general, that she intends carrying on the above concern, and most humbly solicits a continuance of that favour and support which shall be her constant endeavour to merit, by a strict regard and attention to the comfort of her friends, and by keeping a constant supply of the choisest Wines and Liquors on the most reasonable terms.

N. B. Posting as usual, with good Horses and steady careful drivers.

Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at Ely, on Wednesday 5th April, by 10 o’clock forenoon.

The several Clerks to the Justices are requested to send the depositions and Recognizances to Mr. Steed Girdlestone, the Deputy Clerk of the Peace, at Wisbech, on or before the Saturday preceding.

Bellamy, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech.

March 31 1826
Bedford Level Corporation
The General April Meeting of this Corporation will commence at the Lamb Inn, Ely, on Wednesday 19th April, at ten o’clock forenoon.
The Election of the Officers will take place at the Shirehall in Ely, on Thursday 20th, at twelve o’clock; and the sale of Land for Taxes in Arrear and Penalties, will commence at the same place immediately after the election.

Saml. Wells Reg. B.L.C.
Fen Office, Temple

April 7 1826
Sandys otherwise Sandalls’ Cut – from Ely to Littleport.
On Friday last a numerous meeting of the owners and occupiers of lands in the South Level of the fens, was held at the Lamb Inn, Ely, the Rev. Geo. Jenyns in the chair. The Chairman explained the object for which the meeting was called, and pointed out the great advantage that would arise both to navigation and drainage by scouring out the above cut and making a bank on the east side thereof, by which means the present circuitous route by Prickwillow would be done away; the advantages arising from the measure would be great, namely, a saving to the navigators of near six

miles, and the consequent more speedy discharge of the upland waters by that distance. Mr Wells, register to the Bedford Level Corporation, clearly showed their right to make the proposed alteration, if they should be induced to fall in with the measure, and concluded by moving the resolutions (for which see advertisement). The thanks of the meeting were then voted to the Chairman for his conduct in the chair.

Resolutions as advertisement.
Resolved – That it will be highly beneficial to Drainage, and also greatly advantageous to Navigation, if the above Cut is excavated, to proper dimensions, with a sufficient haling bank on the east side thereof, and the present river improved from the upper entrance of the Cut to Clayhithe

Resolved also – That it will be desirable, that the pre-course of the Old River to Prickwillow should be abandoned.

Resolved – That in order to carry these measures into effect, a Committee, consisting of – Jonathan Page, Thomas Spooner, Thomas Archer, John Seaber, Wm. Layton, Thomas Hall, George Hall, Thomas Rayner, Wm. Harlock, Edward Granger, Wm. Martin, Charles Bidwell, John Harlock, Robert Dix, Wm. Hill, Henry Lawerence, James Ivatt, Richard Norman, Wm. Asplan, Wm. Rayer, Morley Cutlack and Joseph Little, with power to add to their number, be now appointed for the purpose of drawing up a Petition to the Honourable Corporation of Bedford Level, and obtaining signatures thereto; and that such Petition by presented to the Board at the next April Meeting.

Resolved that the foregoing Resolutions be signed by the Chairman, and advertised in the Cambridge Chronicle and Huntingdon Gazette.
George Jenyns
Chairman

Isle of Ely Assizes
Before Henry Storks, Esq., Chief Justice
The Commission was opened on Friday evening by the learned Judge, and on Saturday morning his Lordship proceeded to the Cathedral where an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. George Millers. The learned Judge afterwards proceeded to the Shire Hall where the following gentlemen were sworn on the Grand Jury.

H Jas Nicholls, Esq	Samson Barber, Esq
Seth Bull, Esq	Wm. Wandby, Esq
John Hall, Esq	Wm. Whitehead, Gent
John Castle, Esq	Thomas Upsher, Gent
Wm. Slater, Esq	James Boyce, Gent
John Johnson, Esq	Edw. Camps, Gent
John Harlock, Esq	Wm. Camps, Gent
Daniel Fryer, Esq	Thomas Earl, Gent

The learned Judge, in his charge to the grand Jury observed it would be an insult to their understanding and discernment, were he to occupy their time in explaining to them the nature of their duties. He was happy to observe the calendar was small and contained no crimes of an atrocious nature. There were two cases which deserved their serious consideration – the first was that of John Means, who was indicted for stealing liquor from Messrs. Wards' of Wisbech; this case would rest upon the evidence of an accomplice, which must be viewed with considerable suspicion, uncorroborated as it was in its material points; they (the jury) should be careful in given credence to such evidence, but he had no doubt they would deal with the case with that prudence and moderation which it deserved. The other case was that of Buck, for stealing a sovereign from the person; to constitute larceny, the property must be proved to have been taken against the will of the owner, which in this case was doubtful. He felt considerable satisfaction in stating, that since he

last had the honour of addressing them, that salutary and excellent alteration, the jury bill, by the wisdom of his Majesty's Ministers, had been made to extend to this past of the kingdom, which before it did not. The consolidation of the numerous penal statutes, from which he augered much good, was a measure which, when carried into effect, would entitle that distinguished minister, Mr Peel, to the gratitude of the country.
The first prisoner – Wm. Stacey, of Whittlesea, labourer indicted for stealing one heifer's cheek from the shop of Mr. Read, butcher, of Whittlesea – found guilty – sentenced to six weeks imprisonment and solitary confinement.
John Means, journeyman carpenter, charged with stealing 2 gallons of rum, and two gallons of brandy from Messrs. Wards' wine and spirit merchant of Wisbech – found guilty, six months imprisonment and hard labour.
John Squires, an old man 71 years of age, indicted for stealing 9 sheep from a farm at Welches Dam, the property of Benjamin Vipan, Esq., of Mepal, found guilty and judgement of death recorded against him
Robert Lawrence was next arraigned for stealing a gun, the property of Mr Edw. Ingram jun., gardener, of Ely – found guilty – three months' imprisonment and to be once publicly whipped.
John Wright, indicted for stealing 6 lbs weight of hay, the property of Mr Edward Martin, of Haddenham, found guilty – one weeks' imprisonment.
Thomas Lowe, who stated himself a dealer in hardware, was indicted for uttering a counterfeit shilling to George Glover, of Wisbech, during the mart, knowing it to be base and counterfeit. More bad money was found on him, it appeared he had been practising the trade all day – found guilty – sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment, and at the end to find two sureties in ten pounds each, for his good behaviour for one year.

No true bills against James Buck and Edward Jackson.

April 14 1826

April 24 1826
The spring Courts of the Rev. the Dean and Chapter of Ely will be holden as under
In the Isle of Ely

For the Manor of Mepal, on Monday 8th May next
For the Manor of Sutton, on Tuesday 9th May next
For the Manor of Ely Porta, on Wednesday 10th May next
For the Manors of Whitcham and Wentworth, on Friday 12th May next
For the Manor of Witchford, on Saturday 13th May next.

Burnt Fen First District
Notice is hereby given, that a Meeting of the Commissioners of Drainage for the above District, will be held at the Lamb Inn, Ely, on Thursday 27th April inst. at twelve o'clock noon, pursuant to Adjournment from last meeting.
Thomas Archer
Clerk to the Commissioners.

April 28 1826
May 5 1826

May 12 1826
The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden by Adjournment at Wisbech, on Saturday 13th May, inst., at eleven o'clock forenoon, and at Ely, on Thursday 18th May inst. at the same time.
Steed Girdlestone
Deputy Clerk of the Peace

May 19 1826
Bedford Level Corporation
Ely May 17. The Whitsun Meeting of the above was held this day, at the Shire Hall, for the election of the Members of the Board. Among those present we noticed the Rev. Geo. Jenyns, Chairman; Earl of Hardwicke, W. H. Fellowes, J. T. Dering, Thos Orton, Richard Orton, Jonathan Page, Tycho Wing, H. J. Nicholls, Joseph Vipan, George Pryme, R. G. Townley, W. G. Adam, Charles Jenyns, Thomas Spooner, and John Fryer. Esqrs.

Upon proceeding to the election of the Board, Mr Charles Margetts, of Huntingdon, rose and said it was his intention to submit a resolution to the meeting concerning the election of Members of the Board who had no real property in the fens, but merely mock qualifications. The Act of Parliament under which they were then assembled was made with the best 'intentions'; it provided that Bailiffs should be in the bona fide possession of 400 acres of land, and Conservators 200, in several instances this was not the case.

Members were sitting there who had no such qualification, but were merely the agents of others.

When he looked at the expenditure of the Corporation, which this year exceeded £22,000, he thought the country ought to be satisfied that they elected only those who bore, in common with the rest, a portion of that expenditure. He concluded by proposing the following resolution, which was seconded by Daniel Fryer, Esq.

"That the introduction into the Board of Members who have not bona fide the qualifications required by the Act, is contrary to the intention of the Legislative, and in its tendency injurious to the interests of the Level." This was opposed by Mr Pryme, Mr Spooner, and others, who said the Board would be deprived of the assistance of several valuable members, and that the country was taken by surprise.

The Earl of Hardwicke moved that the meeting do proceed with the election, which, on a show of hands, was declared carried: Mr Margett's resolution was consequently lost, but notice given that it would be brought forward again at the next meeting.

The Duke of Bedford was re-elected Governor

The Rev. Geo. Jenyns	J. T. Dering, Esq
Wm. Hen. Fellowes Esq	Sir Charles Morgan, Bart
The Earl of Hardwicke	Thomas Orton Esq

were re-elected Bailiffs without opposition, except Sir C Morgan, who was opposed by Mr. Margetts on the ground of non-attendance but the show of hands was in his favour.

Corporation Election of Members

The Right Hon. Chas. Yorke	H S Waddington, Esq.
Lord Viscount Milton	W D Gardner, Esq.
Marquis of Tavistock	Richard Orton, Esq.
Hon. Mr. Twissleton	Joseph Vipan, Esq.
Jonathan Page, Esq	W G Adam, Esq.
Tycho Wing, Esq.	Charles Jenyns, Esq.
George Pryme, Esq.	J S Angerstein, Esq.
Wm Roberts, Esq.	Thomas Spooner, Esq.
H J Nicholls, Esq.	John Fryer, Esq.
R G Townley, Esq.	

Were re-elected Conservators without opposition. In consequence of a dispute as to the electon of Mr Hibbert, as a conservator, at the last Whitsun meeting, the meeting proceeded to a fresh election when Mr Hibbert was again proposed by Mr. Townley, and seconded by Mr Pryme, and elected without opposition.

Mr Archer, of Ely, objected to the accounts of the Corporation, observing, that in one year the sinking fund of the Corporation had vanished, and a debt of £12,000 sprung up. He was satisfied some enquiry was necessary; the country had no opportunity of minutely examining the accounts; the miscellaneous charges this year amounted to £2,600 in which he was sure a considerable saving might be made. He therefore moved a resolution, which was seconded by Mr John Seaber jun. that a committee (consisting of Mr. Thomas Archer, Mr Jas Seaber, and Mr Charles Margetts, be appointed to inspect the accounts from 1813 to the present period. This was carried unanimously, the Chairman observing that the Corporation were most anxious that the country should inspect the accounts.
The meeting then broke up.

Hundred Feet Washes
Payment of Taxes
Notice is hereby given, that the Commissioners appointed under an Act lately passed, for imbanking the Hundred Feet Washes, in the Great Level of the Fens, called Bedford Level, did at a meeting holden by them at the sign of the Three Fishes, in Mepal, on Tuesday 16th may inst., assess, rate, tax, and charge all the Fen lands, and Low Grounds or Washes, within the limits described by the said Act, with an equal and proportionate tax of two shillings an Acre for the present year; which tax, by the provisions of the said Act will become due at the end of One Calendar month from that day; and is, by order of the Commissioners, to be paid to me, at my office in Ely. And that in default of payment of the said tax within one Calendar month after the same shall become due, the persons liable to pay the same will be subject to a penalty of Three Shillings and Four pence in the Pound, on the amount of all such Taxes as shall be then in arrear.
H R Evans, Treasurer
Ely May 18 1826

Hundred Feet Washes
Distress Warrants

Notice is hereby given, that Distress Warrants will on the first day of June next be executed against all persons who shall then be in Arrear of their Taxes.
By Order
H R Evans
Clerk to the Commissioners.

May 26 1826
Turnpike Road – Leading from Cambridge to Ely and thence to Soham – Called the "South District"

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Trustees will be holden at the Club Inn, in Ely, on Friday 9th June next at 11 o'clock forenoon for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of Erecting a Side Gate at the junction of the Road leading from Witcham with the turnpike road leading from Ely to Mepal, and on general business.
17 May 1826
H R Evans, Clerk

May 26 1826
June 2 1826
June 9 1826

June 16 1826
A Special and Adjourned General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden and kept at the George Inn Chatteris, on Tuesday 27th June next at eleven o'clock forenoon, for the purpose of examining and Auditing the Treasurers Accounts and Transacting other special business of the Isle.

Steed Girdlestone
Deputy Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech

June 23 1826

Whereas Henry Jefferson, of Ely, Waterman, hath by Indenture bearing date 15th June 1826, assigned over all his Effects unto Robert Dix, of Ely aforesaid, gentleman, In trust for himself and all other the Creditors of the said Henry Jefferson who shall execute the said Deed within two months from the date thereof.

Notice is hereby given, that the said Deed of Assignment now lies at the Office of Mr. Wm Wilkin, solicitor, Soham, for the signature of the Creditors of the said Henry Jefferson; and that all those who shall neglect to sign the same within the said two months, will be excluded all benefit arising therefrom.

June 30 1826
July 7 1826

July 14 1826

Weights and Measures.
Notice is hereby given, that the several Models of standard Weights and Measures which have been made for the service of the Isle of Ely, and duly verified at his Majesty's Exchequer, pursuant to an Act of parliament passed in the fifth year of the reign of his present Majesty – intitled. "An Act for ascertaining and establishing uniformity of Weights and Measures," will be in the hands of the Chief Constables, and under the direction of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, acting within and for the respective divisions of the said Isle, at the places and during the times following, in order that all persons interested may have their Weights and Measures regulated and adjusted by the said Models, conformable to the provisions of the said Act,

For the Hundred of Ely At Ely from the said second day of August until the 16th day of August.

And that after the 30th September next, the said Models will be deposited under the care of the Deputy Clerk of the Peace, at the Sessions House, in Wisbech, where all persons interested may thenceforth have recourse to the same, for the regulation and adjustment of their Weights and Measures.
Steed Girdlestone
Deputy Clerk of the Peace.

July 21 1826
Ely Bible Association

The first anniversary of this institution was held at Ely, on Friday last, at which the Rev. Professor Scholefield presided. The meeting was addressed by Messrs. A. Usill, and Dawbarn of Wisbech, Messrs Dealty, (Clare Hall) Thoday and R Foster of Cambridge, Mr Rushbrooke of Ely, and other gentlemen. A collection of upwards of £8 was made in addition to £73 raised by the subscriptions and sales of Bibles during the year.

Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions
Wisbech July 12, 1826
Before the Rev. James Tobias Cooke and a full Bench of Magistrates.

The Chairman in his address to the Grand Jury said there was but one case in the calendar which appeared to require any particular observation from him – and that was for a riot. He then explained to the jury the law on riots in a clear and concise manner

He felt pleasure in informing them, that the standard weights and measures, under 5 Geo.IV. were at last obtained for the use of the Isle, after an unavoidable delay, and that they would shortly be sent to the principal towns in the Isle, that every person might have the opportunity to correct the weights and measures now used by them.

The King v the Inhabitants of the Isle of Ely Same v Same – These cases are indictments for the non-reparation of certain public bridges in the City of Ely, and the parish of Witchford; and upon hearing of Counsel, the Court ordered that the defendants have further time to plead until the next quarter sessions.

Prisoners – Martha Johnson and Elizabeth Ashworth, both of March, were indicted for having on 19th May last, stolen 3 lbs of wool from a sheep lying dead on the farm of Mr Isaac Kirkby, of March. Guilty both to be imprisoned at Wisbech for 21 days – the last seven in solitary confinement.

Robert Crofts, late of Ely, found guilty of stealing, on 28th April last, from out of the drying-shed of Mr George Hardy, of Ely, 7 lbs of horse-hair, the property of the said George Hardy. The prisoner had been lately in the employment of the prosecutor. Sentence – 6 weeks imprisonment at Wisbech, and kept to hard labour.

John Lofts, of Ely, bricklayer, was indicted for having, on 1st June last, assaulted Joseph Farrant, of Ely. Sentenced to be imprisoned in the house of correction at Ely for one month.

Henry Salmon, of Ely, butcher, found guilty of having assaulted Samuel Myrton, innkeeper on 6th February last – Mr. Myrton having declared that he had been before assaulted by Salmon, and did not consider himself secure from his violence in future.
Sentenced to one months' imprisonment at Ely, and to be further imprisoned until he should give security to keep the peace, himself in £20 and two sureties in £10 each.

The Parish Officers of Ely Trinity v Christopher Cotton – Cotton was charged with having absconded and left his wife and family chargeable to Ely Trinity – he had been formerly convicted for the same offence. Cotton had been an itinerant bookseller, and in addressing the Court in mitigation of punishment showed some ability. The Chairman, in pronouncing sentence, urged the duty incumbent upon him to reside with his wife and family, to maintain and protect them and deprecated his conduct in leaving them chargeable to the parish, while he was rambling about the country on the pretence of seeking employment – that if he should be again charged with deserting his family, the Court would bear in remembrance his former delinquencies, and that his punishment would be much more severe; that in consideration of the length of his imprisonment (from 14th May last), the Court sentenced him to 14 days further imprisonment only, in the house of correction at Ely - Cotton seemed affected at the address of the Chairman, and promised that when the term was expired he would return to his family and use his utmost exertions for their support.

No true bill against Thomas Cave and others for a riot at Whittlesea on 8th June last.

July 28 1826

Death – On Saturday last, at Ely St Mary's, 63 years of age, lamented and respected by family and friends, Mr Benjamin Ingram, a wealthy and very considerable gardener. He died in the house in which he had been born and had never changed his residence.

August 4 1826

August 11 1826
We regret to hear, from a correspondent in the Isle of Ely, that the illness of the labouring poor is much greater than has been known for many years, there being scarcely a farmer in the country, who has a number of labourers in his employ, that has not several sick.

August 18 1826
August 25 1826
Death at Westmeon, Hants, on Friday 18th inst., the Rev John Dampier, aged 76, rector of that parish, and prebendary of Ely. He was the only surviving brother of the late Bishop of Ely.

We understand that the Rev. Benjamin Parker, M.A. Vicar of Tilney, Norfolk, and formerly Fellow and Tutor of Pembroke Hall, is appointed Prebendary of Ely, in the room of the Rev. J Dampier.

September 1 1826
September 8 1826
September 16 126
September 22 1826

September 29 1826
Burnt Fen First District – Notice is hereby given that a General Meeting of the Commissioners acting under the Acts of Parliament for Drainage of above District, will be held at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 5th October next, at twelve noon.
Thomas Archer
Clerk to the Commissioners.

The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Ely, intends to hold a General Ordination on Sunday 5th Nov. next: and therefore desires all those who purpose to offer themselves as Candidates for Holy orders, to send their usual and requisite papers, under cover to his Lordship, at the Palace, at Ely, within three weeks from the date thereof, accompanied with their respective addresses, soon after which they will receive notice of the time and place for examinations.

St. John's Eau – A respectable number of proprietors of Fen Land were at a Meeting held at the Lamb Inn, Ely, on Thursday 21st inst., "to take into consideration whether it will be expedient to introduce provisions for opening St. John's Eau, in the bill intended to be brought into Parliament for the improvement of the drainage and navigation of the South Level". The Earl of Hardwicke having taken the chair. Mr Eagle proposed that a report made some time ago by Mr Rennie on the subject of opening St John's Eau, should be read which was done accordingly. The tenor of the report was evidently against the undertaking. After a long conversation between the noble chairman, Sir Henry Bunbury, Messrs Jenyns, Eagle, Page, Spooner, and other gentlemen, a committee was appointed to whom the question was referred: and Mr Archer was instructed to frame the notices of the intended application to Parliament in such a manner that, if found necessary, it might be included in the bill. Thanks being voted to the noble chairman, for his attention to all matters connected with the prosperity of the fens, the meeting was dissolved.

We understand that the South Level Commissioners appointed at the meeting held at Ely last week intend to meet at the Lamb Inn, Ely on 3rd October.

October 6 1826
Death – Lately at Littleport, Miss Marshall, eldest surviving sister of Mr Marshall, solicitor of Ely.

Mr Hugh Jackson, of Wisbech, is appointed, by the Lord Bishop of Ely, to the Clerkship of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, vacant by the death of James Bellamy, Esq.

A meeting of the South Level Drainage and Navigation Committee was held at Ely on Tuesday last, Sir Henry Bunbury., in the chair. A report from Mr Mylne, the engineer, on the state of the river from Clayhithe to Lynn, and on the works necessary to be done for the improvement of drainage and navigation was read:-
It recommends the abandonment of the proposed Cut across the Wash Land at Waterbeach; the removal of the Shoals between Clayhithe and Sandys' Cut, and the shifting of it to the westward from Sandhill End to Littleport, in order to take it in a proper direction for Littleport Bridge; the junction of the river Lark with the Ouze by a cut across Padnal Fen, between Prickwillow and Ely; and the further improvement of that river by straitening it at Prickwillow Corner and Minster Reach.
On the subject of Sandys' Cut, Mr Mylne observes, "it will be of incalcuble benefit to the drainage and navigation of the Level, and by lowering the level of the water in the river will relieve many of the Districts from a considerable portion of the heavy expenses attending the maintenance of their banks. It will also be the means of bringing into immediate cultivation a valuable tract of land now lying comparatively unproductive."
On the subject of St Johns' Eau, Mr Mylne observes, that it could only be of service in the extreme case of high spring tides, coupled with heavy floods in the 100 feet river, occurring at the same period, and it would not then be useful to any considerable extent; at other periods it would be injurious to the main river, by dividing the stream and lessening the scour, and from its being used so seldom it would again become silted up at the lower sluices.
He considers it might be rendered efficient as a work of drainage to the South Level by conveying through it the surface waters of the districts eastward of the Ouze, and which the improved state of the outfall will already admit of; and in support of his opinion he mentions the fact of the sill of the lower sluice being now three feet above low water. He strongly recommends an application to be made to the Eau Brink Commissioners to cut off the bend at Magdalen, and to make a new opening at Denver Sluice; and with respect to the bend at Magdalen, he states that he considers it to cause the average of low water in the winter time at Denver Sluice to be from 2 to 3 feet higher than it would otherwise be; and, as to the effect of the improved works above Littleport, on the river below it, he says that no greater rise will be occasioned in the Ten Mile river than may be relieved by the proposed new opening at Denver sluice.
In conclusion be observes when the proposed works at Denver Sluice and Magdalen Bend and above Littleport have been executed no impediment will remain to the passage of the flood waters through Denver sluice, and a very great improvement will have been effected in the general state of the rivers in the Level. It will then be for consideration, whether the surface waters in the Level eastward of the Ouze should not be taken off by a natural drainage through St Johns' Eau, in lieu of the expensive machinery now in use.
The committee were highly satisfied with the report, and determined to abandon the opening of St Johns' Eau as a slacker to the Ouze, and appeared disposed to adopt other recommendations in the report as far as the means of carrying them into effect could be provided, and resolutions were entered into accordingly. The report was ordered to be printed, and submitted, with the resolutions, to the Commissioners of Districts and other parties interested. The next meeting of the committee will be held at Ely on Monday 30th of this month.

October 13 1826
Turnpike road Leading from Cambridge to Ely and from thence to Soham – called the "South District".
The Annual GeneralMmeeting of the Trustees will be holden at the Lamb Inn in Ely, on Friday 27th October next at 11 o'clock forenoon.

H R Evans, Clerk

Turnpike Road – Leading from Ely to Downham, Norfolk, called the "North District".
The Annual General Meeting of the Trustees will be holden at the Bell Inn, Ely, on Saturday 28th October, at 11 o'clock forenoon.

H R Evans, Clerk

Burnt Fen First District

Notice is hereby given, that a Meeting of the Commissioners acting under the Acts of Parliament now in force for the Drainage of the said District, will be held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely on Thursday 19th inst., at twelve o'clock noon, to take into consideration the measures now in contemplation for the improvement of the Drainage and Navigation of the South Level of the Fens.
Dated 7th October
Thomas Archer
Clerk to the Commissioners

October 20 1826
Birth – On Sunday last, at the Palace Ely, the lady of the Rev. J H Sparke, of a daughter.

Marriage – On Wednesday last, Mr Layton, Woodhouse, Ely to Anne, third daughter of John Tilden, Esq., 9 Field Court, Gravesend.

Death – On Monday last, at Ely, after a long protracted illness, Mrs Trent, sen.

October 27 1826
The Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions of the Peace, were held at Ely, on Wednesday and Thursday 18th and 19th inst., before the Rev. Geo. Jenyns, chairman, and a full bench of Magistrates.
Jonathan Page, Esq., Ely took the oaths and his seat as a magistrate for the Isle, as did also the Rev. B. Parke, prebendary of Ely.

The only business of importance on the civil side was the re-hearing of an appeal to a removal order where the wife of Christopher Cotton and her three children had been removed from Wisbech St Peters' to Ely Trinity, the husband having absconded. The case remains to be restated, and settled by the Magistrates and returned to the Court of Kings' Bench who will give their opinion thereon.

Charles Cook – convicted of stealing one handkerchief at Ely on 22 Aug. last – two month's imprisonment and to be publicly whipped at Ely.

November 3 1826
Sandys' Cut.
A meeting of the proprietors of land and other persons interested in the drainage and Navigation of the South Level of the Fens, was held at Ely on Tuesday last, to receive and consider the report of the committee appointed relative to the works proposed for the improvement of the Level. It appeared from the report that the principal districts in the level had been given an unqualified assent to the measures, and that no objection had been made from any quarter to the leading principles of the intended bill, although some objection had been made to its details. The report was ordered to be confirmed, and the solicitors were directed to proceed with the bill in Parliament.

November 10 1826
Page 1. A long full account of the Bill to be presented to Parliament.

Turnpike road – leading from Ely to Downham, in Norfolk, called the "North District".

We, two of the Trustees of the said District, do hereby give Notice that a special Meeting of the Trustees will be holden at the White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Friday the 1st Dec. next, at eleven o'clock forenoon, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of rescinding or altering an Order of the said Trustees, made at a meeting holden the 28th January last "that no part of the Finances of the Trust be applied in repairing any part of the Road within this District (except upon the east bank of the Ouze) and that no sums expended contrary to the tenor of this Order be allowed in the account of the surveyor of this District," and on general business.
Dated 4th November, 1826
J.H.Sparke
G Millers

November 17 1826
November 24 1826

December 1 1826
Marriage – On Monday last, at Hilton, in Huntingdonshire, Thomas Hall, Esq., Cottenham, to Elizabeth, second daughter of the late Mr Hinds Harlock, of Ely.

December 8 1826
Isle of Ely – A Special General Meeting of the Magistrates and Deputy Lieutenants acting in and for the Isle of Ely, will be held at the White Hart Inn, in March, on Monday next, the 11th December inst., at eleven o'clock forenoon, to take into consideration a Proposition from a General Meeting of the Lieutenancy of the Court of Cambridge, on the expediency of Building a House at the Depot in Ely for the residence of the Adjutant of the County Militia – determine the proper mode of apportioning the expence of the Building, if such expediency shall be agreed on – and discuss the liability of the Inhabitants of the Isle to contribute towards the General Expences of the Militia for the County; when a full attendance of the Magistrates and Deputy Lieutenants is earnestly requested.
By Order
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace

Isle of Ely Adjourned Sessons
Will be holden at the Sessions House, in Wisbech, on Wednesday 13th December inst., at eleven o'clock forenoon.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace

December 15 1826
December 22 1826

December 29 1826
Marriage – On Friday last, at Ely, Mr Jacob Gross, ironmonger, to Harriet, second daughter of Mr Jesse Claxton of the same place.

On Wednesday at Ely, Mr George Cropley, to Miss Lutt.

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January 5 1827
The prisoners in Ely gaol return thanks to William Watson, Esq., Chief Bailiff for a good dinner of roast beef, plum pudding, and a pint of ale each, on Christmas Day and New Years Day.

January 12 1827

January 19 1827
Turnpike Road – Leading from Cambridge to Ely, and from thence to Soham, called the "South District".
Notice is hereby given, that a Meeting of the Trustees will be holden at the Club Inn, in Ely, on Wed, 24 January inst., at eleven o'clock forenoon, on General business.
Dated 6th January 1827
H R Evans, Clerk

Turnpike road, Leading from Ely to Downham, Norfolk, called the "North District".
Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Trustees will be holden at the Club Inn, in Ely, on Wed. 24 January inst., at eleven o'clock forenoon, on General business.
Dated 6th January, 1827
H R Evans, Clerk

January 26 1827
Petitions to both Houses of Parliament, against the Roman Catholic claims, are now in course of signature by the clergy of the archdeaconry of Ely.

Burnt Fen First District
Payment of Taxes
Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of the said District did, at an Adjourned Half yearly Meeting holden at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 27th April 1826, Assess, Rate, Tax and Charge all and singular the Embanked Fen Lands and Low Grounds within the said District, with a Tax of One Shilling and sixpence per Acre, and a gradual Tax not exceeding One Shilling and sixpence per Acre, and a further Gradual Tax not exceeding Three Shillings per Acre, on each and every Acre of the said Fen Lands and Low Grounds, and so in proportion for any less quantity than an Acre; and that the said several Taxes have been ordered by the said Commissioners to be paid to me, as their receiver, on account of Thomas Spooner, Esq., their Treasurer, at my Office, in Ely, before or on 28th February next.

And Notice is also given, that any person liable to the payment of the said Rates and Taxes, and omitting to pay the same to me for 20 days from the 28th February, will forfeit, and be required to pay to the Commissioners, by way of penalty for such omission, the sum of Three Shillings and Four pence for every Twenty Shillings which shall be so in arrear and unpaid, and so in proportion for any less sum then Twenty Shillings.
Dated 16th January, 1827
Thomas Archer
Clerk and Receiver to the Commissioners.

February 2 1827
February 9 1827
Death – On Wednesday last, at Ely, Mrs Woollard, widow of Mr Gilbert Woollard, late Paymaster of the Cambridge Militia.

February 16 1827
February 23 1827

March 2 1827
To Merchants, Watermen and Others
Capital Gang of Lighters – Ely
To Be Sold by Auction
By Dix and Marshall

On Wednesday 14th March inst., at the Ship Quay, Ely at two o'clock afternoon.

A Dinner will be provided at the Ship Inn, which will be on the table at one o'clock precisely.

March 9 1827
March 16 1827
The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely will be holden by Adjournment, at the Session House in Ely, on Thursday 22nd March inst., at eleven o'clock forenoon.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech.

The Lord Bishop of Ely, has been pleased to collate the Rev. John Griffith, B.D. curate of the parish of St Mary, in Ely, and late Fellow of Emmanuel College, to the vicarage of Fulbourn All Saints, in this county, vacated by the death of the Rev. William Mair.

Death on Friday last, in the 23rd year of her age, Eliza, wife of Mr. Thomas Spencely, of the Bell Inn Ely.

March 23 1827

March 30 1827
The Commission of Assize for the Isle of Ely will be opened in that city on Saturday evening 7th April, and the Chief Justice will proceed to business on the Monday morning following.

April 6 1827

April 13 1827
The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at Ely on Wednesday, 25th April inst., by ten of the clock forenoon.
The Several Clerks to the Justices are requested to send the Depositions and Recognizances to the Office of the Clerk of the Peace, in Wisbech, on or before the Saturday preceding.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech.

Isle of Ely Assizes
The Chief Justice (Henry Storks Esq.) arrived in Ely on Saturday evening and opened the Commission.
On Sunday he attended divine Service at the cathedral, where an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. John Griffith, minor Canon of Ely.
The Court met on Monday morning at nine o'clock when the following gentlemen were sworn on the
Grand Jury
Jonathan Page, Esq., Foreman

Thomas Spooner, Esq.	Henry Haynes, Esq	Wm. Bacon, Gent
William Layton, Esq.	T M Maydwell, Esq.	Thomas Drage, Gent
James Lee, Esq.	Wm Martin, Esq. Downham	Wm. Dow, Gent
W Apsey, Esq.	Charles Jecks, Gent	John Houshold, Gent
George Hall, Esq.	Richard Baxter, Gent	John Little, Gent
Thomas Johnson, Esq.	T S Watson, Gent	Thomas Bonfield, gent
Edward Looms, Esq.	John Carr Dun, Gent	W E Read, gent
Wm Martin, Gent, Wilburton		

The learned Judge in his charge said he felt great satisfaction in seeing so full and respectable an attendance of the Grand Jury assembled to discharge their most important duties, the greatest civil advantage to which this country gave birth; they were men who possessed both talent and principle; the former he knew they had and the oath they had just had administered to them would keep them in mind of the latter. He observed he could follow the example of his predecessor in stating, that the calendar contained no heavy crimes, except that of Kitchen and others, for a rape on Ann Stamford to which he wished to call their particular attention; they ought, before they found the bill, to be perfectly satisfied that the offence was fully and effectively perpetrated against her will.

The Chief Justice proceeded to state that he had visited the gaol and house of correction; the gaol he was happy to say was well kept and orderly conducted, and reflected great credit on the governor; he wished he could say so much of the new house of correction, which was one of the most ill contrived and inconvenient places he had ever seen. There was no room for the proper classification and keeping the prisoners clean and wholesome; this however was no fault of the keepers, in the yard there was no place for the water to get off; but it was now too late to remedy these evils, it was a great misfortune that the building was left in its present state.
Prisoners

William Duncan arraigned for stealing from Weston Tuxford the younger, of Boston, watchmaker, a gold repeater, a silver watch, and 4 one pound notes, at Wisbech on 28 July last. Verdict guilty Sentence of death recorded.

William Boulding was arraigned for stealing a silver watch from the dwelling house of David Ashby, of Whittlesea on 28 March last.
Found guilty, sentenced to six months' imprisonment and hard labour at Wisbech.

James Bilney indicted for stealing 5 live fowls the property of George Cox of Littleport, on 28 Feb. last, the case was clearly made out – Sentenced to be imprisoned for 3 months at Wisbech, to be kept to hard labour and to be once publicly whipped.

Rape at March

John Budge, James Budge, and Wm. Ellingham, were capitally indicted for having on Monday night 21st or early Tuesday morning 22 August, committed a rape on the body of Ann Stamford, at March; and Joseph Kitchen the younger and William Beck were indicted for feloniously aiding and assisting the said John Budge, James Budge, and William Ellingham, in committing the said rape. Mr Pryme detailed the facts of the case which were afterwards proved in evidence.

(The accomplice Kitchen having an indictment against him for committing the capital offence before the before-mentioned prisoners, was tried separately for the offence.

The prisoners Kitchen, Ellingham, James Budge, John Budge, and Wm. Beck, were later put to the bar. The learned Judge in a most pathetic address, during which many of the prisoners and the auditory were in tears, intreated the culprits to have no hopes of any longer remaining on this earth, and passed the awful sentence of the law upon them. They were then removed from the bar in an agony of grief: the shrieks and cries of the wives and relations, on their leaving the hall, were heartrending in the extreme.

John Stimpson stood charged (together with Charles Walters against whom no true bill was found) with having feloniously caused the death of William Speechly, on 25 Dec. last at Estrea in the parish of Whittlesea during a fight at the public-house in Estrea. Several witnesses gave the prisoner a good character. Speechly died from concussion after falling.
Verdict guilty, sentence one week's imprisonment.

Sarah Stockwell stood charged with having, on 8th Dec. last, stolen a £10 note the property of her master, William Derry, of Elm.

The peculiar situation of the prisoner, having only been confined in gaol of a child about nine days, and that child supposed to belong to the prosecutor, excited great sympathy for the prisoner.

Verdict guilty but recommended to mercy. His Lordship passed sentence of two months on the prisoner, then ordered the prosecutor to stand up and severely animadverted on his conduct.

The Spring Courts of the Rev. the Dean and Chapter of Ely will be holden for the Isle of Ely as under:-

For the Manor of Mepal, on Monday 7th May next
For the Manor of Sutton, on Tuesday 8th May next
For the Manor of Ely Porta, on Wednesday 9th May next
For the Manors of Witcham and Wentworth, on Friday 11th May next
For the Manor of Witchford, on Saturday 12th May next.

H R Evans, Steward

April 20 1827

The next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at Ely on Wednesday 25th April inst. by ten o'clock forenoon.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech.

April 27 1827

The Convicts in Ely Gaol

Joseph Kitchen (aged 35) and William Beck (aged 50) are both married men, and natives of March; John Budge (aged 22) and James Budge (aged 16) are natives of Godmanchester, near Huntingdon: They had been at March, working in a brick field, some time before the occurrence for which they received sentence of death. William Ellingham (aged 22) is also a native of March. Since the condemnation of these unfortunate individuals, they seem to have been perfectly aware of their perilous situation, and were unceasing in their endeavours to obtain the pardon of Almighty God for their past offences. The prisoners wishing to have a member of the Wesleyan connection, the Rev. Mr. Bate, of Ely, has, since their condemnation, been very attentive, and given the unhappy men that spiritual comfort which is so essential to persons placed in their awful situation. The parting of the prisoners and their friends was extremely effecting. Kitchen had four small children with whom he had several interviews during the last week. Mr Flanagan his counsel, and Mr Marshall of Ely, his solicitor have been gratuitously straining every nerve to procure a reprieve for the wretched man, in consequence of some circumstances which seemed to impeach the credibility of the prosecutrix, and were by them thought favourable to the prisoner, and affidavits of the facts were laid before Mr Peel and the Chief Justice, but without effect.

On Sunday, the gaoler (Mr Barlow) received a reprieve for Beck, James Budge, John Budge, and William Ellingham, which, for reasons, he did not communicate until Monday morning, when he assembled them all together, and then told them the pleasing intelligence. The four men immediately fell upon their knees, and returned thanks to God for the mercy that had been granted them. On Mr Barlow telling Kitchen there was no hope for him, he made no answer, and turned away, continuing absorbed in grief and meditation. On Tuesday he sent for Mr. Barlow (who performs his duties with much humanity and is much respected by the prisoners) when Mr. Barlow entered his cell, he went down upon his knees and returned thanks for all his kindness to him,. On Wednesday the sacrament was administered to Kitchen by the Rev. Mr. Griffith, the chaplain to the goal, (who, prior to the trial, and since, has been unceasing in instructing the convicts in their religious exercises.) The culprit appeared quite firm and collected. Just before the administration of the sacrament, Mr Barlow begged he would unburden his mind if he had anything to state. Kitchen, then, in the presence of the chaplain and Mr. Barlow, acknowledged the justice of his sentence, and signed the following confession:-

Ely Prison, April 26, 1827

From my heart I solemnly declare that I feel nothing towards any creature on earth but love and goodwill. My only dependence for the salvation of my immortal soul is in the merits of a crucified Saviour. I have stedfast hope that he will receive my soul into paradise. I hope that all my old companions, and those who may witness my last end, will take warning, and shun vice and bad company. I have not only broken the laws of my country, but have been a great sinner against God. Sabbath breaking, drinking, cock-fighting, and bad company, have been the frequent practice of my past life, and have led to the crimes for which I justly suffer the penalty of the law. I hereby acknowledge I committed the rape by force and against the will of Ann Stamford.

Jos. Kitchen
Witness James Bate
Zechariah Artis

The Execution – About one o'clock yesterday, Kitchen was conducted to the place of execution attended by the proper authorities; on his way he appeared to be internally praying, and kept his eyes stedfastly fixed on the heavens. He ascended the platform with a firm and determined step, followed by the chaplain, who immediately knelt down with the prisoner. They continued in prayer some time, and on getting up he shook Mr. G by the hand. The rev. gentleman then left the platform. The culprit surveyed the beam with much apparent attention. At this time the executioner proceeded to perform the last sad offices; not a nerve of the prisoner appeared to move, nor did he speak. On the executioner withdrawing from the platform, he drew the bolt, and the unhappy wretch was launched into eternity.
It is calculated that not less than ten thousand persons were present at this melancholy scene.
The body, after hanging the usual time, was cut down and delivered to the friends of the deceased, who were waiting to receive it.

May 4 1827
Valuable Estates, Downham near Ely
To Be Sold by Auction by C Legge.

At the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 17th May 1827, at six o'clock in the evening:

The following Estates, which will be divided into Lots for the convenience of purchasers.

Sixty Acres of Fen Land, lying in Six Pieces, in a certain place in Downham, called Westmoor near the Bridge, abutting on the Common West.

Twenty-Eight Acres of like Land, lying in Four Pieces, in Fodder Fen, in Downham, abutting on First Drove.

Thirty-Three Acres, lying in Three Pieces, at Pymore, in Downham abutting on Pymore Drove west.

Four Acres, part thereof, being Exempt Land; together with a Cottage and Barn thereon.

Twenty-Seven Acres of rich Grazing Land, lying in the Hundred feet washes, in Downham, near the singing Mens' Washes.

Fifteen Acres of Arable Land lying dispersedly in the several fields of Downham.

A complete Homestall, situate in the centre of Downham consisting of Two Dwelling Houses, with Yards, Barns, Stables, Lodges etc. together with two Cottages and a large stack-yard and close of Pasture to the same containing about Three Acres. The above premises are part freehold and part copyhold Manor of Downham.

Nineteen Acres and Two Roods of Arable Land lying in the field of Downham; held by Lease from the Master and Fellows of Clare Hall, Cambridge.

All the before mentioned Estates were late the property of Mr Richard Hopkin, and now in occupation of Mr Robert Few and his undertenants who are due to quit at Michaelmas next.

Also in One Lot, Fifty Acres, of adventurers Land lying in West Fen near Ely, and abutting on Ely Poor's Common, being extra-parochial Land, now in the tenure of Mr John Haylock.

Printed particulars may be had of the Auctioneer, at Ely, of Mr Robert Few of Downham who will show the lots or of Mr John Houchen jun, Wereham, Norfolk.

May 11 1827

May 18 1827
Death – On Tuesday last, in the 76th year of his age, the Rev. Wm. Metcalfe, M.A. nearly 50 years minor canon of the Cathedral church of Ely, and during a long period a most active and intelligent magistrate for the Isle.

May 25 1827

June 1 1827
The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden by Adjournment at the Sessions House in Ely, on Thursday 7th June next at 11 o'clock forenoon,
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace, Wisbech

To such of our readers as are interested in the drainage of the South Level of the Fens, or in the navigation between Cambridge and Lynn, we have much pleasure in announcing that the South Level Act received the Royal assent on Monday last. The defective state of the rivers has been subject of loud and general complaint for many years; they have been found equally ill adapted for the drainage of the country in winter, as for the navigation in the summer; and these defects have of late become more strikingly apparent from the improved state of the Ouze below Denver sluice through the operation of the Eau Brink Cut. We understand the leading object of the Act is the deepening and improving the rivers, so as to afford to the navigators an uninterrupted passage at all seasons of the year, and at the same time to benefit the general drainage, by giving a free course for the waters, and lowering the surface against the banks and other works of drainage. We hail this measure as one of the greatest public improvements sought to be effected in this part of the country for many years, and we trust it will be found alike productive of beneficial effects to many branches of the trading interests of this town and neighbourhood, as to the inhabitants at large.
The first meeting of the Commissioners under the Act will be held at Ely, on the 22nd of June.

June 8 1827
Bedford Level Corporation – Whitsun Meeting Ely – June 6th.
The General Whitsun Meeting of this Corporation for the Election of the Board was held here this day, and was very numerously attended by the commonalty. On the Bench be noticed the following members of the Board.
The Rev. George Jenyns, chairman: The Earl of Hardwicke, W. H. Fellowes Esq., M.P. Hon. Twissleton Fines, J. T. Dering, Thomas Orton, Richard Orton, John Fryer, R. G. Townley, C. Jenyns, George Pryme, Thomas Spooner, Jonathan Page, Tycho Wing, H. J. Nicholls, John Fryer, W. G Adams, and John Hibbert, Esqrs.

Before the election commenced, the chairman read a letter from Sir Charles Morgan, in which he stated that having made over his fen property to his son, George Morgan, Esq., he begged to resign his situation as a Bailiff, but recommended his son to the notice of the meeting.

The Right Hon. Charles Yorke not having answered to his name, the Earl of Hardwicke rose and said that his brother was not in a state of health sufficient to attend these meetings, and from a variety of reasons, he had come to the determination of resigning his office.
His Lordship begged in the name of his brother, to tender the country his thanks for the indulgence which he had met with; they were all aware how indefatigable his brother had been in getting through the House of Commons the original Eau Brink Bill, and he might fairly say he had never deserted their interests.

As his brother was determined to withdraw, he hoped the meeting would allow him to nominate Sir Joseph Yorke as a Conservator, in the room of his brother. He could pledge himself Sir Joseph would be a constant attendant, and make himself a useful member of the Board – Loud applause.
His Grace the Duke of Bedford was re-elected Governor; the Rev. George Jenyns, W. H. Fellowes, Esq.; and the Earl of Hardwicke, were re-elected Bailiffs, For the seat vacated by Sir C. Morgan, the Earl of Hardwicke proposed John Fryer, Esq. one of the conservators; this nomination was seconded by Thomas Orton, Esq., and carried nem. con.
The following gentlemen were re-elected conservators without opposition:-
H. S. Waddington, Esq. Lord Milton, W. D. Gardner, Esq., Richard Orton, Esq., Joseph Vipan, Esq., the Marquis of Tavistock, W. G. Adams, Esq., Jonathan Page, Esq., John Hibbert, Esq., H. J Nicholls, Esq., T. Wing, Esq., Chas. Jenyns, Esq., R. G. Townley, Esq., G. Pryme, Esq., J. J. Angerstein, Esq., Thomas Spooner, Esq., and the Hon. T. Fines.
Sir Joseph Yorke was elected Conservator, vice the Right Hon. Charles Yorke, resigned; Sir Culling Smith, Bart., vice W. Roberts, Esq., resigned: - and John Childers, Esq., vice John Fryer, Esq., elected a Bailiff.
John Fincham, a sluice-keeper, who was ordered to attend at this meeting, appeared in order to be re-elected, but was opposed by Mr. James Seaber, on the ground of his being a gamekeeper, setting nets etc. The poor man, however, entered into his defence with a volubility that was quite astounding, and produced testimonials of his good character and conduct from the navigators and several proprietors of lands; he was accordingly reinstated.
F. K. Eagle, Esq., begged to give notice, that at the April Meeting, 1828 he would submit a motion, requiring a return to be made by the Register, of the number of years several members of that Board had absented themselves from attending the meetings. He observed it was the general wish of the holders of fen property to have the members attend to their duties, and not let it be a mere sinecure. Several members of the Board, he had been told, had not been present for years.
At all events he should oppose the election of those who may appear to have been absentees for a length of time. The Earl of Hardwicke and Mr. Dering both assured the learned gentleman it was a matter of great regret that members would not attend, and they should cordially concur in his motion.

June 15 1827

June 22 1827

Isle of Ely – Special and Adjourned Sessions of the Peace will be holden and kept at the White Hart Inn, in March, on Monday 2nd July, at 11 o'clock forenoon, for the purpose of examining and auditing the Treasurers Accounts and transacting other business of the Isle
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace.

Household Furniture, Books etc. Ely
To Be Sold by Auction. By C. Legge
On Tuesday and Wednesday the 26th and 27th
and Friday 29th June inst.
Part of the Household Furniture, Books etc.,
of the late Rev. W. Metcalfe, at his late dwelling-house
Situate in the College at Ely.

June 29 1827

A numerous and very respectable meeting of the drainage and Navigation Commissioners under the South Level Act, was held at Ely, on Friday last F. K Eagle, Esq., in the chair. Jonathan Page, Esq., was appointed Treasurer to the Commissioners; W. C. Mylne, Esq., Engineer, Mr Archer of Ely, Clerk; Mr. Marshall, of Ely, Collector of the Taxes; and Mr Human, of Prickwillow, collector of the Tolls.

On Wednesday the first meeting of the Padnall and Waterden Fens Commissioners was held at the Bell Inn, Ely, Jonathan Page Esq., in the chair. The Meeting appointed Mr Thomas Archer, of Ely,

their clerk, and Mr Marshall of Ely, Treasurer and Receiver. A tax of two shillings per acre was also laid on the lands within their jurisdiction to enable them to carry the provisions of the Act of Parliament into effect.

The four persons Beck, Ellingham and the two Budges, convicted at the last Ely assizes with Kitchen (who was executed) for a rape on Ann Stamford, were on Wednesday morning removed to the hulks preparatory to their being sent out of the country for life. Duncan, convicted also at the same assizes of a robbery at Wisbech, is gone for seven years.

July 6 1827
Marriage – On Tuesday last at Ely, Mr Geo. Auley Macauley, surgeon, to Eliza, third daughter of Mr. Dalton, surgeon, of Bury.

July 13 1827
July 20 1827
July 27 1827
Aug 3 1827
Turnpike road. Leading from Cambridge to Ely, and thence to Soham, called the "South District".
A Meeting of the Trustees of the Turnpike road will be holden at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Tuesday 14th August next at Eleven o'clock forenoon.
H. R Evans. Clerk

August 10 1827
Death – On Wednesday last, at Ely, Mr John Castell, brother to the Rev. Wm. Castell, of Brooke, near Norwich.

August 17 1827
The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden by Adjournment at the Sessions House, in Ely, on Thursday 23rd August inst., at eleven o'clock forenoon.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace.

August 24 1827
Farm
At Downham, near Ely.
To be Let, and entered upon at Michaelmas next a desirable Upland and Fen Farm, situate at Downham, distant 3 miles from Ely, lying in a ring fence, and containing together about 728 Acres, now in occupation of Mr. Michael Woods.
There is an Engine on the farm for the drainage of the fan lands.
Apply to Messrs Girdlestone, Wing, and Jackson
Solicitors. Wisbech.

August 31 1827
September 7 1827
September 14 1827
September 21 1827
Burnt Fen First District
A General Half-Yearly Meeting of the Commissioners of the above district will be held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 4th October next, at twelve o'clock at noon, but that as many of the Commissioners have engagements on that day, it is intended to propose an Adjournment of the Meeting to some day in the latter end of October,
Thomas Archer
Clerk to the said Commissioners.

September 28 1827
The Lord Bishop of Ely, will hold an ordination on Sunday the 4th of November next.

It is a singular fact, that there are at this time in the garden of Mr. Martin Hodson, of Highflyer public House, at Ely, two appletrees in full bloom, both having borne fruit this season, and upon one of which the second crop is now appearing.

October 5 1827
The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at Ely on Wednesday 17th Oct. inst. by ten o'clock forenoon.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech.

October 12 1827
Marriage at Chesterton Cambridge on the 2nd inst. Mr John Cropley, jun of Ely, to Miss Sarah Ayres, second daughter of Mr John Ayres of Cambridge.

October 19 1827
Turnpike Road. Leading from Cambridge to Ely and thence to Soham, called the "South District". The General Annual Meeting of the Trustees of the Turnpike- road will be holden at the Red Lion Inn, in Ely, on Wednesday 24th October inst., at eleven o'clock forenoon, and at the said Meeting new Trustees will be chosen to supply the vacancies in the Trust occasioned by death or otherwise.
H. R. Evans, Clerk.

Turnpike Road – Leading from Ely to Downham in Norfolk, called the "North District."
In pursuance of a Requisition from three of the Trustees of the Turnpike road. Notice is hereby given that the General Annual Meeting will be holden at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Friday 26th October, at eleven o'clock forenoon, and at the said Meeting new Trustees will be chosen to supply the vacancies occasioned by death or otherwise.
H. R. Evans – Clerk.

October 26 1827
Death – On Saturday last, Miss Rayner aged 35 daughter of the later Mr Thomas Rayner, of Ely.

Isle of Ely Sessions. October 18

Thomas Taylor, convicted of stealing a great coat, a shawl, and a pair of gloves, the property of Wm. Garrett of Wisbech St Mary's.
Seven years transportation.

John Bull, for stealing two shirts, a pair of trousers, a jacket and two handkerchiefs, the property of Wm. Bateman. Six months' imprisonment at Wisbech and hard labour.

Jane Hilyard, for stealing a silver spoon, the property of Thomas Elliott, constable of March – One months' imprisonment.

Edward and William Diver, for stealing a fowl the property of Wm. Hudson of March – Edward six months' hard labour, and William three months' imprisonment.

Mary Lee, for stealing a shawl out of the shop of John Butcher, of Ely. Three months; imprisonment.

Elizabeth Gray – for an assault on Susan Jinks, of Whittlesea – Fourteen days imprisonment.

William Randall and John Crofts alias Heard, for stealing a ham, the property of Thos. Wilkin, of Ely – Two months' imprisonment.

November 2 1827
November 9 1827
November 16 1827
November 23 1827
November 30 1827
Burnt Fen First District
Notice is hereby given, that a Meeting of the Commissioners under the several Acts now in force for the Drainage of the above District, will be held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 13th December, at twelve o'clock noon, pursuant to adjournment from the last meeting.
Thomas Archer
Clerk to the Commissioners.

December 7 1827
December 14 1827
Death – at Ely, on the 6th inst., in his 80th year, Mr Henry Legge, gardener, an honest and faithful servant of Mrs Agnes Waddington and her family 45 years.

Padnal and Waterden Fens.
We the undersigned being respectively commissioners of Drainage for Padnal and Waterden Fens, in Ely and Littleport in the Isle of Ely, under an Act of Parliament passed in the last Session of Parliament, entitled "An Act for improving the Drainage of part of the South Level of the fens within the Great Level, commonly called Bedford Level, and the navigation of the rivers passing through the same, in the counties of Cambridge, Suffolk, and Norfolk, and in the Isle of Ely", do hereby appoint a Meeting of the Padnal and Waterden Fens Commissioners under the said Act, to be held at the Bell Inn in Ely, on Saturday 22nd December inst., at twelve o'clock at noon, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of rescinding an order made at the Meeting of the said Commissioners held at the Bell Inn, Ely on Wednesday 27 June, last, whereby a Tax of two shillings per acre was assessed upon the lands in the said Fens, under the authority of the said Act.
Dated 3rd December 1827

Seth Bull	J. Page
Seth Bull jun.	Wm Rayner
Robert Rayner	Thos. Rayner
Wm. Harlock	Edward Lutt

December 21 1827
Marriage – On Saturday last, at Ely, Mr John Stear, of Oxford St. London, to Miss Rance of Ely.

December 28 1827
Birth – on 20th December, at the Palace Ely, the lady of the Rev. J. H. Sparke, of a son.

1828

January 4 1828

Isle of Ely. Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, will be holden at Wisbech, on Wednesday 16th January inst., by ten o'clock forenoon.
The several Clerks to the Justices are requested to send the Depositions and Recognizances to the Office of the Clerk of the Peace Wisbech, on or before the Saturday preceding.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech.

Death – On Monday last, in the 16th year of her age, Harriett, fourth daughter, of Mr Dench, solicitor, of Ely.

January 11 1828
January 18 1828
Death – At Ely, on Saturday 12th inst., Mr Thomas Rayner, an eminent farmer and grazier, aged 57 years, by whose death many will experience a great loss.

Burnt Fen First District – Payment of Taxes
Notice is hereby given, that the Commissioners of the said District did, at an Adjourned Half Yearly Meeting holden at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 14th June, 1827, assess, rate, tax, and Charge, all and singular the Fen Lands and Low Grounds within the said District, with a tax of One Shilling and Sixpence per Acre, and a gradual tax not exceeding One shilling and sixpence per acre, and a further gradual tax not exceeding Three Shillings per Acre, on each and every Acre of the said Fen Lands and Low Grounds, and so in proportion for any less quantity than an Acre; and that the said taxes have been ordered by the said Commissioners to be paid to me, as their Receiver, at my office in Ely, within the month of February next.

And Notice is hereby also given, that any person liable to the payment of the said Rates and Taxes, and omitting to pay the same to me for twenty from the 29th day of the said month of February, will forfeit and be required to pay to the Commissioners by way of penalty for every such omission, the sum of Three Shillings and Fourpence for every Twenty Shillings of the said Rates and Taxes which shall be so in arrear and unpaid, and so in proportion for any less sum than Twenty Shillings.
Dated 8th day of January 1828
Thomas Archer
Clerk and Receiver to the Commissioners.
January 25 1828
Death – At Ely, on Saturday last, Mr. Chambers, tailor, in the 86th year of his life.

Isle of Ely – Quarter Sessions
Wisbech 16th January 1828
Robert Hardwicke Esq., M.D. Chairman
Prisoners

James Scott and Joseph Scott stood indicted for having feloniously stolen and carried away one worsted drab waistcoat, the property of Thos. Watson, of Burnt Fen, from out his dwelling house. The facts were clearly proved. Sentenced to be imprisoned three calendar months in the house of correction at Ely to be kept in solitary confinement the first and last week, and to be publicly whipped the last market day but one.

John Cornwell stood indicted for having feloniously stolen and carried away from the premises of Catherine Gotobed, of Littleport, one live hen fowl and one hen turkey, on 23 Dec. last. Verdict guilt, to be imprisoned for two calendar months' at Ely house of correction.

William Brooks was indicted for having feloniously stolen one cotton shawl from the George Inn Chatteris in Oct. last. Verdict – Guilty – to be imprisoned in the house of correction at Wisbech for thee calendar months' and to be kept to hard labour.

William Simpson, of St Mary's Ely, was convicted of ill-using and beating his wife, Rebecca Wilkinson, and was ordered to find good sureties for 12 calendar months, himself in, £20, and two sureties in £10 each, and to be confined at the house of correction at Ely until obtained.

Thomas Cunnington pleaded guilty to an indictment for having feloniously stolen on 19 November last, four live fowls, the property of Thomas James Hutchinson, of March.
To be imprisoned at Wisbech for twelve calendar months', to be kept to hard labour and to be once privately whipped the first and last month.

John Darby – charged with having stolen two cart loads of turves, from out of Doddington Turf fen. acquitted.

Joseph Dickinson alias Joseph Hickson, was indicted for entering in the night of 1st Dec. last the premises of Thomas Bowgen, farmer of Outwell, with intent to carry away one live turkey,

his property. Guilty imprisonment at Wisbech for six calendar months at Wisbech to be kept to hard labour and to be privately whipped the first and last month.

William Smith and William Johnson, indicted for having fraudulently carried away from the shop of Lydia Shreave, of Wisbech, silver and copper, 5.6d in value – found guilty – imprisonment for eight months, the first and last fortnight in solitary confinement.

Charlotte Bowles and Mary Ann Bowles – were indicted for having on the 14th Nov. last, feloniously stolen and carried away from and out of the shop of Robert Bennett, of Whittlesea, one piece of black and white cotton print, containing 28 yards, his property. Ann Utteridge, wife of Joseph Utteridge, also indicted for having received the print knowing it to be stolen. Verdict not guilty, the case occupied the court for four hours.

Thomas Oldham – charged on his bail, with having on 23rd Nov. last, at Wisbech St. Peters', committed an indecent assault upon the person of Ann Freer aged 15 years. Verdict guilty – imprisonment at Wisbech for two calendar months', and to be kept to hard labour.

February 1 1828

Ten Lighters, One Horse Boat,
Four Water Horses
Masts, Sails and Rigging
Ely
To Be Sold by Auction by Elliot Smith
At the Ship Public house at Ely, on Thursday next 7th February, 1828, exactly at Two o'clock p.m.
The property of Mr. John Cross, who is declining business.

February 8 1828

February 15 1828

February 22 1828

The gaoler of Ely last week received his Majesty's free pardon for John Squires, who was convicted of sheep stealing at the assizes holden at Ely in March 1826.

February 29 1828

On Friday last, about 11 o'clock in the forenoon, a fire broke out in a house belonging to Mrs Harvey, in the occupation of James Creak, Forehill, Ely, which, by the prompt attention of the inhabitants, and a plentiful supply of water, was happily extinguished without much injury to the premises. The fire originated from Creak, who is a baker, placing over his oven the thatch of an old house, which he had bought to dry.

March 7 1828

March 14 1828

The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, for the Isle of Ely, will be holden by Adjournment, at the Sessions House in Ely, on Thursday 20th March inst., at eleven o'clock forenoon.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace.
Burnt Fen First District

We the undersigned, being respectively Commissioners acting under the several Acts of Parliament now in force for the Drainage of the above district, do hereby appoint a Meeting of the commissioners of the said District, to be held at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 20th March inst., at twelve o'clock noon, for the purpose of taking into consideration the provisions of a bill now before Parliament, for making and maintaining certain Roads through the said District and on general business – Dated 8th March, 1828.

J. Page	John Seaber, jun.
Thomas Spooner	Geo Hall
John Seaber	James Seaber
Smith Flanders	

March 21 1828

Marriage – On the 11th inst., at the Cathedral church Ely, (by the Rev. W. Leach) Robert Martin Esq., of Southery, Norfolk, to Sarah, third daughter of Robert Muriel, Esq., surgeon, of the former place.

On the 10th inst., Mr John Rickwood, baker, of Ely, to Miss Shaw, late of Stilton.

The commission of assize for the Isle of Ely, will be opened at Ely, on Saturday evening 29th inst., and the Chief Justice will proceed to business on the Monday morning following.

March 28 1828

Lamb Inn, Ely
To be Let – And entered upon at Michaelmas next
Enquire of Messrs. Wm. and John Harlock, Ely.

April 4 1828

Isle of Ely – The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle, will be holden at Ely in the said Isle, on Wednesday 16th April inst., by nine of the clock in the forenoon.
The Constable, Grand and Petit Jurors, Parties bound by recognizances to appear, and all other persons having business at the Sessions, are desired to be punctual in their attendance at the hour above named, on account of the April meeting of the Bedford Level Corporation being on the same day.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech

Ely Spring Assizes

On Saturday evening, about nine o'clock Henry Storks Esq., Chief Justice of the Isle, arrived in Ely, and, attended by the proper authorities, proceeded to the Sessions House, where his Majesty's commission was read. The Court then adjourned until 9 o'clock on Monday morning. On Sunday the Chief Justice attended divine service at the Cathedral, where a sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Leach one of the minor canons. On Monday morning the Court met precisely at 9 o'clock, when the following gentlemen were sworn on the Grand Jury.

Rd. Orton Esq., foreman	Adderly Howard, gent
Robert Dix, Esq.	Matthew Leach, gent
George Stevens, Esq.	D. M. Usill, gent
John Woodward, Esq.	James Watson, gent
J Saberton Saberton, Esq.	John Blunt, gent
Robert Ward, gent	Rd. Oldroyd, gent
John Garrett, gent	W. P. Atkinson, gent
Wm. Martin, jun. gent	Charles Mosely, gent
J Marshall jun. gent	Thomas Vipan, gent

The Chief Justice, in a very able and luminous charge, said it gave him great pleasure that on every occasion in which he had presided it fell to his lot to witness a very numerous and respectable attendance on the Grand Jury, and when he looked at the important duties of Grand Juries in this (he might with great propriety say, the greatest community in the world) it gave him sincere satisfaction.

Any observation he might offer he was aware would be premature and unnecessary; still the length of the calendar was a matter of serious regret, and one crime therein merited their particular attention – he meant that of sheep stealing. Sheep were a property very much exposed to depredations, and it was a crime which continued to increase, and if persisted in he must, if he might use the expression, unsheath the sword of justice, and made a dreadful example of any person convicted of the offence before him; there were no less than three cases in the present calendar! We live, said his Lordship, in times when knowledge is fast diffusing itself through the land, and he could from practical experience add his feeble testimony of its progress through this part of his Majesty's dominions.

Anything that tended to the general improvement and benefit of mankind was not looked over, and he was happy to say that our system of jurisprudence kept pace with the other – witness our magistrates, grand and petit juries, and he hoped he would not be accused of egotism when he said, that during the time he had the honour of sitting as Chief Justice, he could look back with satisfaction and say, that the guilty had not escaped with impunity, nor had the innocent been unjustly punished. As to the Magistrates he hoped they would not be timid in taking bail, which was allowed under Mr Peel's Acts; for my part, said the learned Judge, I should like if possible, to prevent imprisonment before trial. Where reasonable security could be given, and from knowledge of the facts which a magistrate must possess, they ought in many cases to accept bail where now refused.

Prisoners

Robert Norman (30) arraigned for stealing from the dwelling-house of Mary Waller, widow, of Wisbech, on 24th February last, three silver tea-spoons and one silver table spoon, her property. Two watchmakers of Wisbech produced the spoons, which had been sold by the prisoner to them. Verdict guilty – sentence, seven years Transportation.

James Gimbert (19) and Daniel Henson (19) were arraigned under Mr Peel's Act, for feloniously entering the granary and Counting-house of Messrs. Robert Francis Pate and Wm. Pate, merchants, of Wisbech, and breaking open two desks therein, and stealing about £23 in money consisting of provincial promissory notes, three sovereigns, and a quantity of silver and copper.

Gimbert pleased guilty and hoped he might be transported for life and not whipped, Henson reiterated this – they were searched and the property found – but it was submitted there was not a sufficient breaking to sustain the indictment – his Lordship, however, sent the case to the jury, who, to the surprise of the Court and audience acquitted the prisoners – This jury was then dismissed, and a fresh one empanelled.

William Carter was indicted for burglariously breaking into the dwelling-house of Isaac Thompson, of Littleport Fen, farmer, and stealing therefrom a gun and a powder flask, on 1st Jan., 1827. Verdict guilty, sentence of death recorded, with an intimation that he would be sent out of the country for life.

(This prisoner is one of the numerous gang of poachers who infest the neighbourhood of Mildenhall, he was brought in a post-chaise from Bury gaol, where he had been confined for a misdemeanour in shooting into the window of Mr Kitchener, of Mildenhall, (which must be in the recollection of our readers) In searching after evidence the crime for which he has been found guilty was discovered, and which subjects him to a greater punishment.

Isaac Quince (46) stood indicted for stealing from a close of pasture belonging to Captain Morris of Elm, on 6th and 7th March last, one live wether sheep, his property. Verdict guilty – sentence of death recorded.

James Watson (50) stood indicted for stealing a quantity of hay from the yard of Mr Wylie, of Whittlesea. Verdict guilty – three months' imprisonment and hard labour at Wisbech.

Tuesday April 1st.

Richard Coulson (44) indicted for stealing from the premises of Mr. John Smith, maltster, and dealer, of March various articles. Verdict guilty – seven years transportation.

James Lines (25) indicted for stealing one iron screw-plate commonly called stocks and dies, the property of Robert Bailey of Benwick, blacksmith. Verdict guilty – seven years transportation.

Wm. Newman (33) and Jos. Uttridge (28) indicted for killing and slaughtering one wether sheep, the property of Tycho Wing, Esq., Thorney Abbey on 15th September last. Found guilty- but recommended to mercy – Sentence of death recorded.

Thomas Chapman (22) indicted for stealing a quantity of pease from his master William Brand, of Wentworth, admitted taking a few to eat. Verdict not guilty.

Elizabeth Lilley (47) wife of Henry Lilley (45) pleaded guilty to an indictment for stealing from the house of Wm. Johnson, of Elm, sundry articles of wearing apparel. Sentenced to two months' imprisonment. Husband discharged the grand jury having ignored the bill.

Robert Newman (21) stood indicted for stealing on the night of 9th Feb. last, one hogget sheep, the property of William Layton, Esq., of Woodhouse near Ely. Verdict guilty – sentence of death recorded.

Wilkinson Harley (35) stood indicted for stealing from the person of James Chapman, of Littleport, a purse containing three £1 notes and some silver – Verdict not guilty, as the prosecutor appeared to be so illiterate and stupid that he could give no correct account how he lost his money.

April 11 1828

Mr Barlow, keeper of Ely gaol, having suspicion that the prisoners sentenced to transportation at the late assizes, meant to attempt escaping from prison, had them searched on Wednesday morning, and found the irons of several of them cut off. In the pocket of one of the prisoners a letter was discovered, addressed to his wife, who resides in Ely, requesting her to obtain certain instruments to facilitate their plan, and to throw them over the wall, assuring her that they should all make their escape.

The prisoners have in consequence been further secured by double irons.

April 18 1828

Ely – Desirable Residence
To Be Sold by Auction
By C. Legge

At the White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 24th April, 1828, between the hours of four and six in the evening, subject to such conditions of sale as shall then and there be produced.

The commodious and extensive Residence and Premises of the late Mr. Henry Martin, eligibly situated in the centre of the Market Place, at Ely, and well adapted for the residence of a Gentleman or of a Merchant or Tradesman – consisting of a handsome Dwelling-House with a neat messuage adjoining; large Yard, excellent garden, well walled in, and planted with choice trees; Summer House: roomy Warehouses; double Coach House, Stable; Lodges; and every convenience. The whole is in hand, except the messuage, which is in the occupation of Mr. Highmore Skeats, who is tenant at will, and under notice to quit at Michaelmas next.

For further particulars apply to the auctioneer, and to Messrs Evans Archer and Evans, Ely.

Ely Gaol – Robert Norman, Richard Coulson, and James Lines, who were convicted of felony and sentenced to seven years transportation at the late Ely Assizes, were on Monday last, removed from the gaol, in order to be put on board the hulks at Woolwich. The prisoner Lines was the principal instigator of the late attempt to escape from prison.

On Monday last a child (about two years old) of Mr Myrton's, of the Kings Arms, Ely, fell into a cistern in the yard and was drowned. It had not been missing more that five minutes, but every effort to restore animation was without effect. A coroner's inquest was held on the body, on Tuesday: Verdict, accidental death.

The Spring Courts of the Rev. the Dean and Chapter of Ely, will be holden
In the Isle of Ely
For the Manor of Mepal, on Monday 12th May next
For the Manor of Sutton, on Tuesday 13th May next
For the Manor of Ely Porta, on Wednesday 14th May next
For the Manors of Witcham and Wentworth on Friday 16th May next
For the Manor of Witchford, on Saturday 17th May next.

April 25 1828

Burnt Fen First District – A Meeting of the Commissioners acting under the Acts of Parliament, now in force for the Drainage of the above District, will be held at the Bell Inn, Ely, on 1st May next, at two o'clock.
Thomas Archer
Clerk to the Commissioners

May 2 1828
Turnpike Road Leading from Ely to Downham in Norfolk, called the "North District".

A Special Meeting of the Trustees of the said Turnpike Road, will be holden at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Friday 6th June next at eleven o'clock forenoon, for the purpose of letting the Tolls arising at Chettisham, Scottings' Bridge and Fordham Turnpike Gates, together with the Tenements near the Gates, and on general business.
Dated 21st April 1828
H. R. Evans. Clerk
May 9 1828
Death – On Thursday 1st inst., at Ely, after an illness of two years, aged 57, Sarah the wife of Mr William Cropley, farmer, of that place.
May 16 1828
Lamb Inn, Ely
The Public are respectively informed that the valuable Household Furniture, Beds and Bedding, Glass, China and Earthenware, Plate and Linen three very good Post Chaises, Hearse, eight excellent Post Horses, Harness, new Tumbril, stack of excellent Highland Hay, upwards of 100 dozen of very superior Old Port wine, a small quantity of Madeira, together with a variety of out-door Effects, the property of Mrs Rance (who is retiring from the Inn, on account of ill-health.

Will be sold by Auction
By C. Legge
About the middle of June next.

May 23 1828
May 30 1828
The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden by Adjournment at the Sessions House, in Ely on Thursday 5th June, at Eleven o'clock forenoon.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech.
June 6 1828

June 13 1828
The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden by Adjournment at the Town Hall in Wisbech St Peter's, on Wednesday 18th June inst., at eleven o'clock forenoon.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace, Wisbech.
June 20 1828
Marriage – On the 12th inst. at Ely.
Mr William Foreman, master of the national school, Huntingdon, to Sarah, only daughter of Mr E. Lutt, master of the free school, Ely.

Death – On Tuesday last, aged 54, Mary, wife of James Lee, Esq., of Upwell, Isle of Ely.
June 27 1828
Burnt Fen First District
Notice is hereby given, that a meeting of the Commissioners acting under the several acts of Parliament now in force for the Drainage of the above District, will be held at the Bell Inn, Ely, on Thursday 3rd July at two o'clock.
Thos. Archer
Clerk to the Commissioners

Death – On Friday last, at Ely, aged 56, Mr John Austin, wheelwright, of that Place.

July 4 1828
Death – On Thursday 26th ult. aged 61, Mr John Button, ropemaker, of Ely.

Lamb Inn, Ely
Mrs Martha Rance
Having retired from the business of the above inn, returns her grateful acknowledgements to the public for the liberal patronage with which she and her late husband have uniformly been favoured, and she begs leave to recommend to their notice her successor, Mr William Beecroft, of the White Hart Inn, in Ely, who has recently entered upon the Lamb Inn, and is now conducting the business there.

William Beecroft
Impressed with the liveliest feelings of gratitude for the marked encouragement he had received at the White Hart Inn, begs to solicit a continuance of the favours of his friends and the public, and to inform them he is now carrying on the business of the Lamb and White Hart Inns, (the latter of which he will quit at Michaelmas next) and he begs to assure them that every attention shall at all times be paid to their accommodation, and no exertion be spared to merit their patronage and support.

He begs also to state that the Lamb Inn being about to be rebuilt upon an extensive scale, and with every regard to the convenience and comfort of the public, he has engaged a commodious house near the inn, where he proposes to carry on the business during the erection of the new buildings.
Posting with good Horses and steady Drivers.
Ely, July 1, 1828
July 11 1828
To Ropemakers
To Be Disposed of, with immediate Possession

An extensive business now carrying on in the Ropemaking Trade, and which has been carried on with great success at Ely, for upwards of 70 years. The Ropewalk is furnished with the requisite instruments for carrying on the Trade and which, with the stock in hand, will be required to be taken with the business
Enquire of Mr. S. Button. Esq.

Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter sessions of the Peace for the Isle, will be holden at Wisbech, on Wednesday 16th July inst. by ten o'clock forenoon.

The several Clerks to the Justices are requested to send the Depositions and Recognizances to the Office of the Clerk of the Peace, in Wisbech, on or before the Saturday proceding.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace.
July 18 1828
Mathmatical and Commercial school
Ely
M. Scott having been recommended to relinquish the School business for the benefit of his health, returns his most grateful acknowledgements to his friends for the liberal encouragement he has experienced for thirteen years, and begs to recommend, as his successor, Mr. Trigg, late assistant to the Rev. D. Harding, Linton, for fourteen years.

W. Trigg
Having succeeded Mr. Scott in the superintendance of the above School, begs leave respectfully to solicit the patronage and support of the friends of his predecessor and the public in general, and to assure them of his utmost endeavours to promote the improvement of the pupils entrusted to his care.

The rudiments of the Latin language will be taught.

Terms and other particulars may be known on application at the School, College, Ely.

The school reopens on Monday 24th instant.

July 25 1828

Cambridge County Sessions – Appeal Case.

Parish of Ely Trinity, appellants, and St Giles, Cambridge, respondents – Mr. Hunt, for the respondents stated that this was an appeal against an order for the removal of Ann, the wife of Robert Taylor, and their two children, from the parish of St Giles, Cambridge, to the Holy Trinity in Ely. The case was this:-

On the 24th January, 1816, Robert Taylor, son of Wm. Taylor, of Ely, was placed as an apprentice with Mr. James Poole, of Trinity parish in Cambridge, as a boot and shoe-maker, the trustees of Needham's Charity agreeing to pay a premium of £20, which Poole subsequently received. In the summer of 1820, after the apprentice had been in this situation three years and a half, he asked leave to go home and see his friends, and his master gave permission; but the next day, Poole missing a £10 note, and suspecting the boy to have taken it, followed him to Ely, and had him apprehended and taken before a magistrate, by whom the complaint was dismissed. The boy, not liking to return to his situation after this charge, a letter was written to Poole by the Rev. John Griffithone of the Trustees, and he consented to give up the indentures, and has never since considered him as his apprentice. Soon after this the boy was placed with Mr. Christopher Legge, a shoemaker, in Ely Trinity parish, under a written agreement duly executed, for two years and a half, which period he fully completed.

Taylor has since married and has two children, whom he has deserted, leaving them and his wife chargeable to St Gile's parish, and an order has been obtained for their removal to the parish of Ely Trinity, it being considered that Taylor gained a settlement there under his agreement with Mr. Legge.

These facts have been fully proved.

Mr Pryme – for the appellants, contended that there never had been a legal dissolution of the apprenticeship with Poole, and that during the time the apprentice was serving Legge he was not sui juris, and had no power to make such a contract, the indenture of apprenticeship being still in force. The indenture could not have been cancelled but by the consent of all parties, and there was no evidence to show that the consent of the trustees of Needham's Charity has been obtained, Mr Griffith having written as an individual, expressing his private opinion, and not as the representative of the whole body of the Trustees.

The Chairman re-called the Rev. John Griffith, who stated that the sanction of the Trustees had been previously obtained, and that he wrote to Poole to give up the indenture in the name of the Trustees – The Court deliberated for a short time, the Chairman announced that the order was confirmed. The paupers are consequently fixed upon Ely Parish.

Turnpike Road, leading from Ely to Downham, in Norfolk, called the North District.

Notice is hereby given, that a Meeting of the Trustees will be holden at the Red Lion Inn, in Ely, on Tuesday 5th August next, at eleven o'clock forenoon, to receive the report of the Committee appointed on 1st December 1826, for the purposes of taking into consideration the finances of the Trust, and of considering the best means of arranging with the Creditors thereof for the liquidation of the Arrears of Interest due to them on their respective securities, and on other business.

Dated 19th July

H. R. Evans, Clerk

August 1 1828
Death – On Saturday last, after a severe illness, Robert Muriel, Esq., surgeon, of Ely, aged 65. It may justly be said of him that his life was an unvaried course of benevolence to mankind. As a husband and parent he was tender, anxious and affectionate; as a friend warm, constant, and sincere. In the discharge of his professional duties, as well as in the various other relations of life, he was deservedly held in high esteem, that his memory will be long held dear by a numerous family, and an extensive circle of friends and connexions.

August 8 1828
The commission of assize for the Isle of Ely will be opened at Wisbech, on Saturday 16th inst.

S. S. Button
Rope-maker etc. Gaol Street, Ely.
Begs leave most respectfully to make known to his Friends and the Public in general, that he has commenced the above business in all branches: and trusts, with the assistance of competent workmen, and by adopting the method which his late father followed for so many years, to meet with a continuance of those favours he formerly received, and which will be his study to merit.

N.B. The Linen and Woollen, Drapery Branches will be carried on by him as usual, at his Shop near the Lamb Inn.

August 15 1828
August 22 1828
Coach Accident – The Hero, from Lynn to London, was unfortunately overset within half a mile of Littleport on Wednesday morning last, on ascending a very narrow bridge, and on turning an acute angle. There were several outside and inside passengers, with a considerable quantity of luggage – no blame whatever can be imputed to the coachman, the pace not exceeding three quarters speed.

With the exception of the horsekeeper, no person sustained any very material injury, and he from the prompt assistance of Dr. Fayerman, of Downham, (a passenger) aided by two professional gentlemen of Littleport, is sufficiently recovered to be removed to an adjacent public-house – A miraculous interposition of Providence saved the lives of all the passengers, for had the coach proceeded only ten yards further on its journey, the whole would have been precipitated over the bridge into the river.

The state of this part of the Turnpike to Ely, requires the serious and immediate attention of the commissioners, as the utmost caution on the part of the driver of any coach (however well conducted) cannot guard against the recurrence of such accidents, more especially on the approach of winter.

Abstract of the Accounts of the Treasurer's of the Isle of Ely, to the 8th July 1828, passed and allowed at a Special Sessions of the Peace, holden at Chatteris, in and for the said Isle on the said 8th day of July, 1828.

Receipt	£	S	D
By Balance of last accounts	792	18	1
Isle Rates	3,739	11	6
The Treasurer of the Town of Cambridge a moiety of contribution money paid for prisoners in the Fleet, King's Bench and Marshalsea Prisons	5	0	0
Penalties received under convictions for false weights and balances	7	0	0
	£4544	9	7

Expenditure	£	S	D
Paid for conveyance of vagrants and offenders to gaol, relieving poor			

Travellers, and charges of pursuing felons	131	6	6
Prosecution orders at assizes and sessions	711	9	7
For Militia claims	31	13	3
Expences of Gaol and Houses of Correction	944	10	3½
Repairs etc of Shire Halls and Do	65	13	7
Contribution money for prisoners in the Fleet, Kings Bench and Marshalsea prisons	10	0	0
Treasurers salaries	60	0	0
Clerk of the Peace and the magistrates clerks for general business	175	4	3
Contingent bills at assizes, sessions and petty sessions	65	7	11½
Coroners' accounts	60	5	0
Salaries to the Receivers of Assize returns	44	10	0
Salaries to High Constables and others and incidental expences	128	19	5½
Printing and Stationers' bills	23	13	9
Repairing Bridges	113	2	8
Conveying Felons to the Hulks	105	0	0
Inspector of Weights and Balances	6	0	0
Sundry incidental expences not included under forgoing heads	158	15	2
Balance due to Isle	1706	18	1½
	£4544	9	7

H.R. Evans
Hugh Jackson Treasurers

Isle of Ely Assizes
Before Henry Storks, Esq., Serjeant at Law.
Chief Justice of the Isle, who arrived
at Wisbech on Saturday evening about 9 o'clock, and on Sunday morning his Lordship accompanied by the Chief Bailiff, Deputy Bailiff and usual retinue) attended divine service at the church where an appropriate and impressive sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Shaw, curate of March.

The business of the Court commenced at nine o'clock on Monday morning when the following gentlemen were sworn on the Grand Jury.

Spelman Swaine, Esq.,
Charles Boucher, Gent
James Watson, Gent
Benjamin Vipan, Gent
William Hodson, Gent
Joseph Vipan, jun. Gent
Charles Martin, Gent
Joseph Shepperson, Gent
William Seward, Gent
John Johnson, Gent
David Household, Gent
Charles Smith, Gent
Richard Atkinson, Gent
Read Tansley Camps, Gent
James Golborn, Gent
John Dawson, Gent
Edward Uett jun. Gent
John Boyce sen. Gent

Prisoners

William Angel, stood indicted with having on the 25th or 26th July last, feloniously taken six live fowls from the premises of John Guy Kelk, at Walsoken. Verdict – not guilty.

Hugh Fency, stood charged with having on Sunday 3rd August, feloniously stolen a purse, containing a sovereign of the current coin of this realm, the property of Walter Johnson, at March. Verdict – guilty – seven years transportation.

Johnson Bavin was put to the bar, charged upon the coroner's inquisition with the manslaughter of John Unwin, at the Black Hart public-house on 23rd June at Wisbech St Peter's, and also William Reeve and John Seaby were each of them charged with having been present aiding, abetting and assisting Johnson Bavin.
The Jury returned a verdict of not guilty and the prisoners were immediately discharged.

William Hall stood charged with having burglariously and forcibly entered the dwelling-house of Robert Coward, at Upwell, with intent to commit a felony and robbery therein, on the night of 9th May last. Verdict guilty – sentence of death recorded.

James Martineau, aged 77, charged with having on 3rd of June last, committed a violent and indecent assault on the person of Elizabeth Martineau, his daughter, aged five years, verdict guilty, sentenced to 2 years imprisonment and hard labour.

August 29 1828

Death - On Friday last, at Ely, after a long affliction, in the 50th year of her age, Ann, wife of Mr George Stevens, of that place.

Turnpike road – leading from Cambridge to Ely and from thence to Soham, called the "South District".
A meeting of the Trustees of the Turnpike-Road will be holden at the Club Inn, in Ely, on Wednesday 24th September next, at Twelve noon, pursuant to adjournment from the last meeting, for the purpose of Letting the Tolls arising at Cambridge and Milton Turnpike Gates, together with the Weighing Machine at the Cambridge Gate, and on general business.
Dated 25th August 1828
H. R. Evans

September 5 1828

Death – at Ely, on Monday last, in the 77th year of her age, Sarah, widow of Mr William Scott, basket-maker, late of that place.

September 12 1828

Isle of Ely – Adjournment Sessions, will be holden at the Sessions House, Ely, on Thursday 18th September at 11 o'clock forenoon.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech

Dahlias – For Sale at T. Palmers'
Gardener and Florist, Ely
T. P. Begs to call the attention of the Public to his choice selection of upwards of fifty different kinds of Dahlias, and should any kind not in his collection be desired, he will procure it from the first cultivators in London at prime cost.

If not prevented by sudden frost, T. P. will be able to offer to the Public at prices as low as any in the county, a splendid collection of Geraniums; which may be viewed at his Greenhouses, in the Garden of Eden, Cambridge.

A good assortment of Chrysanthemums.

September 19 1828

Marriage – on Tuesday last, Mr Joseph Rhodes, of Ely, grocer and mealman, to Sarah, second daughter of Mr John Cropley, farmer, of the same place.

Death – On Friday last, in the 74th year of her age, Mrs Hardy, widow, of Ely.

Ely – Desirable Dwelling-House and Wash Land.
To Be Sold by Auction – By C Legge
At the Kings Arms, in Ely, on Monday 22nd Sept. inst. between six and eight in the evening.

A neat brick and tiled Messuage, divided into Two Tenements, most desirably situated in st Marys' Parish in Ely, adjoining the premises of Wm. Apsey, Esq., west, and fronting the street south, together with convenient Outbuildings, large yard and Garden behind same, extending to Cat's Lane.

Also a Valuable Piece of Wash Land, called Metcalfe's Wash, containing 14 Acres (more or less) abutting on Middle Fen Bank east, and the river Ouze west.

One of the Tenements is now in occupation of Mr. Michael Dexter under a Lease for 7 years from Michaelmas 1825; the other Tenement is in the occupation of Captain Beaucamp, as a tenant from year to year, and the wash land is in the tenure of Mr John Hostler, under a lease for seven years from Michaelmas 1825.

N.B. The above mentioned estate is held by Lease from the Rev. the Dean and Chapter of Ely for the Term of Forty years from 25 November 1825, at the annual rent of 10s.

The Wash Land is subject to the Eau Brink and South Level Drainage Taxes. The Land Tax has been redeemed.

Further particulars apply to Auctioneers or of Mr. Dench, solicitor, Ely.

September 26 1828

Death – On Wednesday last, aged 20, Susan, daughter of Mr. Prigg, cooper, of Ely.

On Monday last, at Ely, deeply lamented, Seth Bull, Esq. aged 70.

On the same day, aged 37, Mr. Wm. Simpole, carpenter, of Ely.

The right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Ely intends to hold a General Ordination on Sunday 2nd Nov. and therefore desires all those who purpose to offer themselves as Candidates for Holy Orders, to send their usual requisite papers, under cover to his Lordship, at the Palace, at Ely, without delay, accompanied with their respective addresses; soon after which they will receive notice of the time and place for examination.

October 3 1828

Marriage – On Monday last, at Harston, Mr. S. S. Button, draper and rope-maker of Ely, to Ann, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Jonas Wilks, of the same place.

Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at Ely, on Wednesday 15th October, by ten of the clock forenoon; and that at the said Sessions, a Proposition (moved and seconded at a Special Sessions and Meeting of the Magistrates holden at Chatteris, on 8th July, last) in respect to the erecting of a Tread Mill at the House of Correction, at Ely, will be taken into consideration.

The several Clerks of the Justices are requested to send the Depositions and Recognizances to the Office of the Clerk of the Peace in Wisbech, before or on the Saturday preceding.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace.

October 10 1828

To Be Sold by Private Contract
the following Valuable Estate
In Ely

The commodious and extensive Residence and Premises of the late Mr. Henry Martin, eligibly situated in the centre of the Market Place and well adapted for the Residence of a Gentleman, or of a Merchant or Tradesman, and comprising a handsome Dwelling House, with a neat Messuage adjoining: large Yard, excellent Garden, well walled and planted with choice trees; Summer House,

roomy Warehouses double Coach-house, Stable, Lodges, and every requisite and suitable convenience; the whole of which is in hand, except the Messuage in the occupation of Mr. Highmore Skeats, who is tenant at will.

About two-thirds in value of these premises are Freehold, and the remainer is Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Porta.

October 17 1828

Marriage – On Monday last, at St Andrews the Less, Cambridge, Mr John Gates, tailor, to Elizabeth, second daughter of Mr. William Freeman, of Ely.

Lamb Inn, Ely

W. Beecroft having removed from the White Hart Inn, begs respectfully to acquaint his friends and the Public, that he is carrying on the business of the Lamb Inn, on the Premises in Gaol St., used for the purpose, and where the same will be continued until the new Inn, which is now erecting with all possible dispatch, is completed.

Ely, Oct. 14 1828

White Hart

Old-established Commercial Inn and

Family House – Market Place, Ely

(Excise office – Hero Coach Office)

Matthew Scott, having entered upon the above premises this day, begs, in the most respectful manner, to acquaint his friends and the public generally, that he has for Sale, the most approved Old Wines, Brandy and Rum carefully selected, and direct from London. Gins and Cordials direct from the Distillery. He also pledges himself to produce wholesome and unadulterated Home Brewed Beer; and assures the Gentry in the neighbourhood, Commercial Gentlemen (for whom a new room will be provided, replete with every comfort) Families, and the Public, that good and thoroughly seasoned Beds will be kept, and every attention rendered that may be conducive to the comfort and convenience of all his customers.

Ely October 11 1828

Turnpike – road, Leading from Ely to Downham, in Norfolk, called the "North District".

Notice is hereby given that the general Annual Meeting of the Trustees, will be holden at the Bell Inn, Ely on Friday 31st October inst., forenoon – And notice is hereby also given, that, at the said Meeting new Trustees will be chosen to supply the vacancies occasioned by death or otherwise, and that at the said Meeting it will be proposed to borrow money of the Creditors of the said District to enable the Trustees thereof to liquidate the Arrears of Interest due to those Creditors respectively to Lady-day 1827, according to an arrangement already made with them in pursuance of a Resolution of the Trustees entered into at a meeting holden by them on the 3rd August last, and also to give new mortgages on the Tolls of the said Trust to such of the said Creditors thereof whose mortgages or assignments shall have been lost mislaid, or destroyed by accident, or as shall be desirous of surrendering their present mortgages and taking new mortgages to the same amount in lieu thereof.

Dated 6th Oct. 1828

H.R. Evans, Clerk

Turnpike – road Leading from Cambridge to Ely, thence to Soham, called the "South District".

Notice is hereby given, that the general annual meeting of the Trustees will be holden at the Bell Inn, Ely, on Friday 31st Oct.

New Trustees will be chosen to supply the vacancies occasioned by death or otherwise.
Dated 7th Oct. 1828
H. R. Evans, clerk

October 24 1828

Mrs A. Fortington – Grateful for past favours begs most respectfully to make known to the ladies of Ely, and its vicinity, that she is now in London selecting the most fashionable patterns in Millinery, Dresses etc. and hopes for a continuance of the patronage she has hitherto experienced.
High St., Ely.

October 31 1828

Marriage. On the 17th inst., at Trinity Church Ely, Mr Thomas Gotobed, to Miss Wilks, both of Ely.

Death – At Witchford, near Ely, on Friday last, aged 42, Elizabeth, the wife of Mr Edward Cropley, farmer, of that place.

November 7 1828

Marriage – On Tuesday last, at Ely, Mr John Dawson, draper, to Mary, daughter of Mr. Richard Worster, both of that place.

November 14 1828

The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden by Adjournment, at the Sessions House, Ely on Thursday 20th November inst. at eleven o'clock forenoon.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace

November 21 1828

November 28 1828

Whereas by indenture bearing date eleventh November now inst., William Lane, of Ely, druggist, hath assigned all his personal estate and effects unto John Freeman, of Ely, draper, and John Cross, of West Walton, Norfolk, farmer, in Trust, for the benefit of such Creditors as shall execute the same within two months from the date hereof; Notice is hereby given, that the above deed lies at my office for the inspection of the Creditors who may think proper to execute the same within the period above limited.

The House and Premises now occupied by Mr. Lane to be Let and the Stock-in-Trade, Fixtures, and Goodwill of the Business are to be taken at a valuation.
By Order of the Assignees
William Claxton, their Solicitor
This Advertisement will not be repeated.

December 5 1828

Burnt Fen First District
Notice is hereby given, that a Meeting of the Commissioners under the Acts of Parliament in force for the Drainage of the above District, will be held at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 18th December inst., at 12 o'clock noon, pursuant to adjournment from the last meeting, for the purpose of transacting the general business of the District, and of Letting the Tolls arising at Prickwillow Bridge, and the Tolls of the South Bank of Brandon River.
Dated 3rd December, 1828
Thomas Archer
Clerk to the Commissioners of the District.

December 12 1828

December 19 1828

December 26 1828

1829

January 2 1829

Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, for the Isle of Ely will be holden at Wisbech, in the said Isle, on Wednesday 14th January inst., by ten o'clock forenoon.

The several Clerks of the Justices are requested to send the Depositions and Recognizances to the office of the Clerk of the Peace, in Wisbech, before or on the Saturday preceding.
Hugh Jackson,
Clerk of the Peace,
Wisbech.
January 9 1829
January 16 1829
Death – On Wednesday last, Mr Jermany, of the Rose and Crown, Ely.

On the same day, Mr Edward Cropley, farmer, of Witchford.

On the 7th inst., at Ely, Mr William Cullen, father of the Cathedral, having been upwards of 40 years one of its lay clerks.
January 16 1829
Burnt Fen First District
Payment of Taxes
Notice is hereby given, that the Commissioners of the said District did, at an Adjourned Half-Yearly Meeting, holden at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 1st May 1828, assess, rate, tax, and charge all and singular the Fen Lands and Low Grounds within the said District, with a tax of One Shilling and Sixpence per acre, and a further gradual tax not exceeding Three Shillings per acre, on each and every Acre of the said Fen Lands and Low Grounds, and so in proportion for any less quantity than an Acre; and that the several taxes have been ordered by the said Commissioners to be paid to me, as their Receiver, at my office in Ely, within the month of February next.

And Notice is hereby also given, that any person liable to the payment of the said Rates and Taxes, and omitting to pay the same to me for twenty days from the 28th day of February, will forfeit and be required to pay to the Commissioners, by way of penalty for said omission, the sum of Three Shillings and Fourpence for every Twenty shillings of the said Rates and Taxes which shall be so in arrear and unpaid, and so in proportion for any less sum than Twenty Shillings.

Dated 14th January 1829
Thos. Archer
Clerk and Receiver to the said Commissioners

Turnpike Tolls to be Let
Notice is hereby given, that the Tolls, arising at the Toll-Gates upon the Turnpike-Road leading from Ely to Soham, in the County of Cambridge, and to Stretham and Mepal, in the Isle of Ely, called or known by the respective names of Soham, Sutton, and Witcham, and Ely and Stretham Town Turnpike-Gates, will be Let by Auction, for Three Years, from the following periods (that is to say) Soham Gate from 9th Feb. next, Sutton and Witcham Gates from 2 March next, and Ely and Stretham Town Gates from the 15th March next, to the best bidders for the same respectively, at the house of John Barnard, called or known by the Club Inn, in Ely, on Saturday 7th February next, at the hour of Twelve noon precisely, in the manner directed by the Act passed in the third year of the reign of his Majesty King George the Fourth, "For regulating Turnpike Roads"; which Tolls produced the last three years as follows, (that is to say), Soham Gate the sum of two hundred and eleven pounds, Sutton and Witcham Gates the sum of one hundred and forty-one pounds, and Ely and Stretham Town Gates the sum of four hundred and fifty-four pounds per annum, above the expence of collecting them and will be put up at those sums respectively.

Whoever happens to be the best bidder for either of the said Gates, must, at the same time, pay one month in advance, if required, of the rent at which such Tolls may be let; and give security, with sufficient sureties, to the satisfaction of the Trustees of the said Turnpike-road, for payment of the

rest of the money by monthly instalments, or for payment of the whole of the money by monthly instalments, if no part thereof shall be required to be paid in advance.
Dated 9th day of January 1829
H. R. Evans
Clerk to the Trustees of the said Turnpike road.

N.B. No person will be accepted as Surety for the Hirer of either of the said Tolls, unless he shall be present at the said Meeting, and shall previously to the biddings have been approved of by the Trustees present.

January 23 1829

Death – On Friday last, deservedly respected and regretted, aged 31 years, mr William Fortington, of High St., Ely

Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions
Wednesday 14 January 1829
The Rev. George L Jenyns, Chairman

Bute Stuart of Wisbech, surgeon, stood charged with having on 14 November last, committed a violent assault upon a patient. The trial lasted nine hours – verdict not guilty.
Thursday 15th Jan.

Robert Mills – alias Cuttriss, charged with having on Nov. 2nd last received a double barrel gun, knowing the same to be stolen, the property of Charles Bidwell, of Ely. The facts of the case were clearly proved and the jury returned a verdict of guilty. The prisoner was sentenced to seven years' transportation.

Ann Webb, wife of William Webb, of Littleport, farmer, stood charged for having on the 9th Nov. last, forcibly taken out of a box four pieces of silver value 4s. and one other piece of silver value 6d. the property of Rebecca Lee her servant verdict guilty of taking the money, but not with intent to keep it – discharged.

George Lee and Mary Lee, of Littleport, charged with having on 22nd August last, feloniously stolen 100 bricks value 2s.6d. property of Edward Parsons, of Littleport labourer not guilty.

James Swan, late of March, but now a soldier in the 25th regiment of foot, was arraigned at the bar, with having on the 4th July, 1825, intermarried with Elizabeth Tinker, knowing his first wife to be living. A certificate of the prisoner's first marriage with Mary Hurst was produced, and likewise one of his last marriage; it was also proved that the first wife was still living – Verdict, guilty, to be transported seven years.

Wm. Hilliard, of Whittlesea, was indicted for having maliciously cut off the hair of six horses' tails and one cow's tail, on 13th December last, the property of Messrs John and Charles Boyce, farmers of Whittlesea. Verdict – guilty, to be transported seven years.

James Anderson of March found guilty of stealing one sack, value 2s the property of Mr Thomas Grounds, of March – Sentenced to be imprisoned in the house of correction at Wisbech six calendar months and to be kept to hard labour, and privately whipped in the last month.

January 30 1829

February 6 1829

February 13 1829

The Lord Bishop of Ely has most handsomely presented a donation of £100, in aid of the funds for building the Chapel of Ease at Wisbech

Isle of Ely Adjourned Sessions – will be holden at the Town Hall in Wisbech St Peter's on Wednesday 18th Feb. inst., at eleven o'clock forenoon.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech

February 20 1829

Marriages – On Tuesday last, Mr Thomas Legge, brewer, to Miss A Gilbert, both of Ely.

On Wed. last, Mr G. W. Willis, ironmonger, of Ely, to Miss Jakens, of the same place.

February 27 1829
Deaths – At Ely, on Friday last, aged 35, Sarah, the wife of Mr John Barnard, of the Club Inn, in that place.

On Tuesday last, after a lingering illness, borne with true Christian patience and fortitude, Mrs Dix wife of Mr Robert Dix, of Ely.
March 6 1829
Isle of Ely Adjourned Sessions will be holden, at the Sessions House, in Ely, on Thursday 12th March inst., at eleven o'clock forenoon.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech
March 13 1829
March 20 1829
Burnt Fen First District
Notice is hereby given, that a General Half-Yearly Meeting of the Commissioners of the above District will be held at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 26th inst., at twelve o'clock at noon.
Dated 10th day of March, 1829
Thos. Archer
Clerk to the Commissioners

Padnal and Waterden Fens
Notice is hereby given, that a General Meeting of the Padnal and Waterden Commissioners, acting under an Act passed in the eighth year of the reign of his present Majesty, for improving the Drainage of part of the South Level of the Fens and the Navigation of the rivers passing through the same, will be held at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Wednesday 1st April next, at 11 o'clock forenoon pursuant to the directions of the said Act.
Dated 17th March, 1829
Thomas Archer
Clerk to the said Commissioners.

W Beecroft – Lamb Inn – Ely
Respectively acquaints his friends and the public that he has removed to the spacious House and Premises lately erected on the site of the Old Lamb Inn, and which he has fitted up in a manner well calculated to ensure the comfort and accommodation of his guests: he begs therefore to solicit a continuance of the public patronage and support, to merit which his best efforts shall at all times be studiously directed.
*Posting properly conducted
March 27 1829
Death – On Wed. last, at Ely, after a few hours' illness, Mrs Ann Boyce, widow of Mr Charles Boyce, in the 68th year of her age.

Isle of Ely
Notice is hereby given, that a General Sessions of Pleas, Oyer, and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery, will be holden at Ely, in and for the said Isle, on Saturday 11th April next.

The Chief Justice will attend divine Service on the following morning, and proceed to business at nine o'clock precisely on Monday morning 13th April.
William Watson, Esq. Chief Bailiff

Lynn and London – Union Coaches
The Proprietors of the above coaches beg to offer their best thanks to their friends and the public in general for the very liberal patronage and support with which they have so many years been

honoured, and to inform them, that for their greater accommodation a new Light Post Coach will commence running, for the conveyance of Passengers and Parcels from Upwell to Cambridge, through Ely, on Monday morning 6th April, at a quarter before Six, in order to arrive at the Sun Hotel, Cambridge, in time for the London Telegraph (which Coach will regularly reserve places for London,) and will return on Tuesday evening to Upwell, leaving Cambridge at Five o'clock in the afternoon, and will continue to run from Upwell to Cambridge every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning, a return from Cambridge to Upwell every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday evening.

The above Coach will also run from Ely to Cambridge every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning, at eight o'clock, and return from Cambridge to Ely on the same days, at Five in the Afternoon.
James Gotobed
Geo. and John Hall jun
Robt. Walker
N.B. The above Proprietors will not be accountable for any parcel or package of more than five Pounds value, unless it be entered at one of their regular booking-offices as valuable, and an insurance paid upon the same.

April 3 1829

Death – On Sunday last, aged 33 years, Mr John Layton, son of the late W. Layton, Esq., of Woodhouse, Ely.

April 10 1829

We understand the commissioners under the South Level River Act are proceeding rapidly with the execution of their works, upwards of 400 labourers being now employed in excavating the intended new river between Ely and Littleport. A General Meeting of the Commissioners was held at Ely on Friday last, when a very favorable report of the progress of the works was made by some of the commissioners who had taken a view. Their steam dredging-engine, made by Messrs Hunter and English, of Bow, (similar to those in use on the Thames and other rivers,) has been for some months at work in the removal of the shoals between Ely and Clayhithe, and appears to be capable of raising earth at the rate of upwards of 40 tons per hour. We hail these improvements as of great advantage to this town and county, and when they are extended nearer Cambridge, as doubtless they will be, we trust the navigation from hence to the port of Lynn will be rendered as complete as can be desired.

We are obliged to notice, that, notwithstanding every exertion is making to render the navigation as good as possible, some gross frauds have been attempted by persons giving false returns of their ladings; several have been convicted by the collectors of the South Level Company at Prickwillow, and by the lessees of tolls upon the river Cam; in these cases, the penalties have been mitigated, but for the future all watermen so offending, will be punished by the highest penalties being inflicted that the Acts will allow, and the names of the offenders published.

April 17 1829

Death – On Sunday last, after a long and protracted illness, Mr Jesse Claxton, conveyancer, of Ely, aged 53. He has left a large family to regret an irreparable loss, and a numerous circle of friends, by whom his memory will be long cherished.

Isle of Ely Assizes
On Saturday evening Henry Storks Esq., Chief Justice of the Isle, attended by the High Bailiff Wm. Watson Esq., and his usual retinue arrived at Ely and opened the Commission.

On Sunday his Lordship attended Divine service at the cathedral; the sermon was preached by the Rev. P Durham, one of the minor canons.

On Monday morning at nine o'clock, his Lordship proceeded to the Hall, when the following gentlemen were sworn on the Grand Inquest.

John Fryer Esq. foreman	
Thomas Bowker Esq.	R. F. Pate, Gent
W. Harlock Esq., Ely St Mary	Henry Martin, Gent
W Harlock Esq. Ely Trinity	Thos. Frasher, Gent
Jos. Vipan sen. Esq.	John Aveling, Gent
John Hall jun. Esq.	Wm. Cole, Gent
Wm. Whiting Esq.	Edward Camps, Gent
John Burnham Esq.	Henry Morton, Gent
R. H. Lewin Esq.	Isaac Pears, Gent
Wm. Waudby, Gent	Robert Pallett, Gent
Wm. Wright, Gent.	Thomas Ingle, Gent

The learned Judge in a very able and luminous charge, said he had again to congratulate them upon so very respectable attendance. From the situations many of them filled in society, he was satisfied justice would be duly administered, and property protected. Any remarks of his on their duties might be thought unnecessary, but he should make a few observations considering that public duties badly performed led to bad consequences. He had also again to congratulate them upon the numerous projected improvements brought forward in this country during the last year. Many had been carried into execution – one of these was the admission of the affirmation in a court of justice of that very respectable and unimpeachable sect, he meant Quakers, who before had, on account of their religious principals, been excluded as witnesses. "I wish," said his Lordship, "to see all religious distinctions done away". There was also an Act now in the House to regulate the duties and qualifications of magistrates, which he thought would tend to much good.

The country owed a debt of gratitude to a distinguished statesman, a member of his Majesty's Government, for the many great improvements he had introduced; he had acquired, and justly, great fame in the age in which he lives, and his name will live in the future pages of history.

It was with considerable pain he witnessed the general increase of crime; it must make the philanthropist weep as well as perplex the legislature. He had head that learned and excellent Judge Baron Vaughan, lament that the Circuit which he has just finished should be so much marked with blood.

Let us, gentlemen, then, if we can, consider the causes, and endeavour, if possible, to put a stop to its progress; individual activity and private virtue may do much to check it. The mal-administration of the poor laws tended to produce terrible consequences; the system of paying the labourer out of the poor-rate must have a legislative check. He well remembered the time when the English labourer trembled at the consequences of going or sending to the poor-house, and on his death-bed bequeathed that spirit of independence as a legacy to his children.

There were other causes – the overwhelming increase of the population, - we had also an increasing revenue and a decrease of morals, produced by the cheapness of spirits, which took the poor man to the public-house, and in many instances brought on a train of ruin, pains, and evils, until the wretched being at last ends his days on the scaffold. One of the greatest blessings an English gentlemen could enjoy must be, he thought, a moral and faithful population.

The learned Judge then adverted to the calendar, which he observed was not very heavy or marked with crimes of any great atrocity; he was happy to see one crime on the decrease in the Isle, that was, sheep-stealing. He wished the country to be aware, and he hoped it would be reported to them, that he was determined capital punishment should follow the conviction of any person brought before him for this offence.

Prisoners

John Brooks (16) indicted for embezzling £2.16s. the property of Mark Norris, Baker, of Leverington, Parson Drove, baker, his master, and Moses Stevenson (25) for receiving a part of

such money, knowing it to be so embezzled. The jury found both prisoners guilty – Brooks to twelve months' imprisonment and hard labour, and Stevenson to seven years transportation.

George Stimson (16) and Saml. Huggins (21) pleased guilty to an indictment charging them with stealing a copper boiler, the property of Mrs Speechly of Wisbech. Each to be imprisoned one month.

James Brighton (28) stood indicted for stealing one hen fowl from the hen-house of Wm. Gordon of Welney. Verdict – not guilty.

William Burton (35) indicted for breaking into the engine-house belonging to the Wisbech Toll-bar on 28 Oct. last, and stealing divers articles of wearing apparel, the property of Mr Jos. Brett. Verdict – guilty, in which his Lordship concurred, and sentenced him to seven years transportation.

Walter Baker (17) stood indicted for stealing at Littleport Burnt Fen, a dark brown gelding, the property of Jonathan Page Esq., of Ely, and a saddle and bridle, on 6th Nov. last.
Prisoner pleaded guilty and said he must abide the consequences. Sentence of death recorded.

Hannah Rumbelow (19) stood indicted for stealing from the person of Geo. Hunt, farmer, of Elm, three £10 notes and four sovereigns and a half on 7 April last, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

John Jarman (57) indicted for stealing, on 28 Jan. last, at Whittlesea, one deal plank, the case was clear, found guilty, six weeks imprisonment.
Tuesday April 14

John Shipp (23) indicted for stealing seven fowls on 3rd Feb. last, property of Wm. Roberts of Witcham – guilty – three months' imprisonment and hard labour and to be once publicly whipped.

Isaac Bird alias Mason (20) and John Muncey (19) stood indicted for breaking into the dwelling-house of Robert Halliday, a labourer, at Wenny End, Chatteris on 23 September last and stealing wearing apparel. Both prisoners found guilty – sentence of death recorded against them

James Gimbert (20) stood indicted for stealing from the shop of David Davies, draper of Ely, on 9th Feb. last, a piece of cotton print containing 21 yards. Found guilty –sentence – seven years transportation.

Highway Robbery - John Rooms (22) and Samuel Rooms (26) stood indicted for assaulting Robert Few, of Witchford, farmer, on the King's highway in the parish of Ely St. Mary, on 3rd of January last, and taking from his person five sovereigns and a half sovereign. The prisoners were given excellent characters by Mr Dix churchwarden of Ely Trinity; Mr Bidwell, Mr Cutlack, one of the Jury and Bacon the Constable, some of the money was returned.
The jury after retiring for some time found the prisoners guilty – sentence of death recorded.

April 24 1829

The Spring Courts of the Rev. the Dean and Chapter or Ely, will be holden in the Isle of Ely
For the Manor of Mepal, on Monday 11th May next
For the Manor of Sutton, on Tuesday 12th May next
For the Manor of Ely Porta, on Wednesday 13th May next
For the Manors of Witcham and Wentworth, on Friday 15th May next
For the Manor of Witchford, on Saturday 16th May next.

Notice is hereby given, that the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at Ely, on Wednesday 29th April inst., at ten o'clock forenoon.

The Clerks of the Justices are requested to transmit their several Depositions and Recognisances to the office of the Clerk of the Peace in Wisbech, on the Saturday preceding.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech

Ely April 16, 1829 – The annual meeting of the Bedford Level Corporation was held this day for the election of officers.
The Rev. Geo. Jenyns, senior Bailiff in the chair.
The following members of the Board were
Sir J. Yorke, Bart., H. S. Waddington, J. T. Deering, H. J. Nicholls, John Fryer, Thos. Orton, Geo. Pryme, Jos. Vipan, Johnathan Page, W. H. Fellowes, Tycho Wing, J. W. Childers, R. G. Townley, John Hibbert, and Chas. Jenyns, Esqrs.

May 1 1829

Estates at Ely, Witchford and Downham.
And Securities upon the Tolls of the Ely and Cambridge Turnpike Road.
To Be Sold By Auction
By C. Legge
In Lots, at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 14th May, 1829, at six o'clock in the evening;
Two newly-erected Freehold Messuages, in Newnham Street, Ely, in the Tenure of Wm. Hitch, and -------Reynolds.
Eight Copyhold Messuages in the same street, in the tenure of Thomas Gotobed and others.
A Messuage at Witchford Hale, with orchard and an enclosed Piece of Arable Land adjoining, containing One Acre (more or less) Copyhold.
A Piece of excellent Garden Ground in the centre of Broad St., Ely, containing Half-an-Acre Copyhold.
Two Securities for £100 each, on the Tolls of the Turnpike road between Cambridge and Ely, on which Interest at 5 per cent is punctually paid.
A Messuage at Downham, in the tenure of Richard Hopkin and Elizabeth Harrison – Copyhold.
Further particulars of the Auctioneer or of Evans, Archer, and Evans, Ely.

May 8 1829

Ely Cathedral – By the deaths of Mr. William Cullen, and Mr. Jesse Claxton, Lay Clerks of Ely Cathedral, there are two Vacancies in that Choir. The voices wanted are a Counter Tenor and Bass.

Testimonials of Character and qualifications must be sent before 1st June, to the Rev. George Millers, Registrar, College, Ely.

Every Candidate must have been regularly instructed in some Cathedral Choir, and must specify his age. All letters and communications must be post paid.

May 15 1829

May 22 1829

Death – On Wednesday 13th inst., Mr Caesar, of Ely, aged 78.
Turnpike Road – Leading from Ely to Downham, Norfolk, called the "North District".
A Meeting of the Trustees of the Turnpike road will be holden at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Saturday 6th June next, at eleven o'clock forenoon, on general business.
H. R. Evans, Clerk

May 29 1829

June 5 1829

An alarming fire broke out on Saturday last, about seven o'clock, on the premises of Mr. Thomas Willson, gardener, at a place called Common Muckhill, in Ely.

Mr Willson's men had not long left the premises before a small hut which adjoins a barn and stable, was discovered to be on fire; the barn and stable which were wood and thatched, also caught, and soon became one general body of flames, as also a cart lodge on the opposite side of the yard. In the barn was a quantity of harness, farming implements, hay, straw etc., which it is needless to say were consumed, as were also a dung cart, a new market cart, and some rods.

The live stock had a narrow escape; a young man, at the hazard of his life, entered the stable where there were a mare and some swine, and turned them out. Three cottages near, from the excessive heat, were twice on fire, but from the exertions of the inhabitants, it was put out. A good deal of

damage was done to fruit trees and asparagus beds, in the garden adjoining. The buildings alone were insured, but for a very small sum, consequently it is a very serious loss to Mr. Willson. It is not yet ascertained how the fire originated.

June 12 1829
June 19 1829
June 26 1829
July 3 1829
July 10 1829
Isle of Ely
Notice is hereby given that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at Wisbech, on Wednesday 15th July by ten o'clock forenoon.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace
July 10 1829
July 17 1829
Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions
Wisbech, Wednesday July 15th
Rev William Hardwicke M.A. in the Chair.
The Chairman, in his address to the Grand Jury said – Solicitous as I am sure we all are for the orderly conduct and well being of the Isle of Ely at large, and your own immediate neighbourhoods in particular, it would have afforded much satisfaction to the Court to have had it in their power to congratulate you on the smallness of the calendar, and the consequent proof of the diminution of crime. But though there are several bills to be laid before you, I trust you will find that the offences charged are not of a very serious description; nor is it likely that to gentlemen so long accustomed as you have been to the discharge of the important duty of Grand Jurymen, any difficulty will arise.

You have most of you so often occupied that box on similar occasions, and so often received the acknowledgements of the Court and of the country for the diligent and correct execution of you duties, that it would be only occupying a part of your time, which can be more profitably employed in offering any observations to you on the different bills which will be laid before you.

There have been more than one bill brought into Parliament during the last session, respecting the law of settlement, and that most important subject – the maintenance of the poor; but as the legislature have deemed it expedient to postpone till next year the further and conclusive consideration of them would be premature.

We may hope, however, that the country at large will benefit from the united wisdom of the legislative on two subjects alike burdensome and expensive to the community.

Charles Middleton Winter stood charged with having, on 19th June last, at Ely Trinity, embezzled certain money of the value of 2s.6d the property of his master, Mr. John Dawson, grocer, of Ely. Verdict guilty – sentenced to two months imprisonment at Ely, kept to hard labour, and the first and last fortnight in solitary confinement.

William Pepperdale, Samuel Tims, Richard German, John German, the younger, and John German the elder, who were indicted for obstructing the passage of the Wash leading from Whittlesea to Thorney, on 1st Feb. last. – Severally acquitted.

John Goulding, a pauper, living in the hamlet of Manea, was arraigned for having on the 23rd May last, under false pretences, obtained the sum of 6s of the overseers, being then in employ, and received on the same day the sum of 14s for labour due to him. Sentenced to one calendar months' imprisonment at Wisbech, and to be kept to hard labour.

William Thompson, a native of Prussia, stood charged that he did not on 27 June last, at Ely Trinity, molest and otherwise ill-treat John Bacon, constable, in the due execution of his office. Pleased guilty – 14 days imprisonment at Wisbech, and kept to hard labour.

Thomas German, of Whittlesea, labourer, charged with having on 8th July last, at Whittlesea feloniously taken and carried away a gun out of a ban of Boyce Hammont, his property. Pleaded guilty – Sentenced to six calendar month's imprisonment at Wisbech and kept to hard labour.

Henry Clark stood indicted for having forcibly taken from the person of Thomas Fountain of Whittlesea on 9th July last, one hat value 10s. Verdict not guilty.

Court adjourned until Thursday.

July 24 1829

Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions

Wisbech Thursday July 16

Priosoners

Sarah Brce, a girl of dissolute habits, residing at Wisbech, was convicted of having stolen from Mary Hall, the wife of Thomas Hall, late of March, in the Isle of Ely, but now a private serving abroad in the 38th regiment of foot, at March one cotton gown, one net cap, one black veil and one shawl. The prisoner was found guilty and sentenced to be transported for seven years.

Thomas Brown (aged 14) and Thomas Briggs (12) charged with having, on 18 May last, at St. Mary's Ely, entered the shop of Thomas Hall and stealing therefrom two pieces of silver coin value 5s three pieces of silver coin value 3s, and a steel purse the property of the said Thos. Hall. They severally pleaded guilty, and were sentenced to be imprisoned in the house of correction at Ely for 14 days' solitary confinement and each to be once privately whipped.

July 31 1829

Abstract of the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Isle of Ely, to the 3rd July 1829, passed and allowed at a Special Session of the Peace, holden at March, in and for the said Isle, on the said 3rd day of July 1829.

Receipt	£	S	D
By Balance of last accounts	1,706	18	1½
Isle Rates	2,493	1	0
The Treasurer of Town of Cambridge a moiety of Contribution money paid for Prisoners in the Fleet, Kings' Bench and Marshalsea Prisons	5	0	0
Penalties received under conviction for assaults under Geo. 4. cap.31	4	10	0
	£4,209	9	1½

Expenditure	£	S	D
Paid for conveyance of Vagrants, and Offenders to Gaol, relieving Poor Travellers and charges of pursuing Felons	151	4	7
Prosecution Orders at Assizes and Sessions	644	4	0
Expences of Gaol and Houses of Correction	787	16	6½
Repairs of Shire Halls, Gaol and Houses of Correction	31	7	10½
Contribution money for Prisoners in the Fleet, Kings' Bench and Marshalsea Prisons.	10	0	0
Treasurers, salaries	60	0	0
Clerk of the Peace, Clerk of Assize, and the Magistrates' Clerks for general business	233	9	5
Contingent Bills at Assizes, Sessions, and Petty Sessions	9	4	0
Coroners' Accounts	74	14	6
Salaries to Receivers of Assize Returns	11	10	0
Salaries to High Constables and others, and for their incidental expences	120	4	6
Printing and Stationers Bill	26	7	1
Repairing Bridges	36	15	9½
Conveying Felons to the Hulks	70	0	0
Sundry incidental expences not included under foregoing head	166	5	5
Balance due to Isle	1,776	5	5

£4,209	9	1½

H. R. Evans and Hugh Jackson

July 31 1829
Mr Darby Jun. Ely, has been admitted an Attorney in the Kings' Bench and Common Pleas, and a Solicitor in Chancery; on application to whom (if by letters) post paid, several small sums of Money may be had on Mortgage.
August 7 1829
The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will he holden by Adjournment at the Town Hall in Wisbech St. Peter's in the Isle, on Wednesday 12th Aug inst at Eleven o'clock forenoon.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace

The Isle of Ely Assizes will commence at Wisbech, on Monday morning the 17th inst.

August 14 1829
Gas Vacuum Drainage Engine
Burnt Fen First District
Notice is hereby given, that pursuant to an appointment made by seven of the Commissioners of Drainage for the above District, a Special Meeting of the said commissioners of Drainage will be held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 27 August inst., at Twelve noon precisely, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of erecting a Gas Vacuum Engine for the Drainage of the said District, and of entering into any contract for the same, or for the working thereof, and for the purpose also of disposing of any other business that may require the attention of the commissioners to the said Meeting.
Dated 13th August, 1829
Thos. Archer
Clerk to the said Commissioners
A full and punctual attendance of the Commissioners is particularly requested.
August 21 1829
Death – on Thursday 13th inst., in his 48th year, Mr William Gotobed, plumber and glazier, of Ely.
August 28 1829
September 4 1829
Death – On Wed. 26th ult., at the College, Ely, Hester Agnes, daughter of the Rev. J. H. Sparke, aged two years ten months.

Ely – August 31. – "The highland Wheat crops in this neighbourhood are generally allowed to be good, and the quality remarkably fine, and the observation may be applied to the whole isle of Ely and that part of Cambridgeshire which borders upon it.

A farmer near Cambridge obtained forty-four bushels per acre from a field of six or eight acres. Nearly the whole of the wheat has been housed, but the greater portion of it in very bad condition. The highland barley is a moderate crop, and the Beans, though they have much improved, are still below an average.

The Barley has been greatly discoloured by the late heavy rains, but the cold winds have prevented it from sprouting to any extent, and as the bulk has increased, the farmer cannot be considered at present to have much cause of complaint in respect of this portion of his produce. The Wheat in the fens (except in ordinary soils, and from which it would be hopeless in these times to look for remunerating crops) exceeds in produce and quality any harvest since the memorable one of 1815. A great deal of it, however, is still abroad, and sustaining much injury from the weather. The Straw, being softer, imbibes and retains moisture more readily than highland corn, and consequently is sooner damaged, and requires more fielding when saturated with wet. The Oat harvest in the fens has been barely commenced. The crops, considering the great complaints of the ravages of the

wire-worm in the spring, are better than was expected, and perhaps will not fall short of an average. The depressed state of the wool trade is severely felt by the growers, and from this cause, as well as from the unmarketable state in which the corn is harvested, many of the best informed farmers are of opinion that the bulk of the tenantry of the kingdom will experience great difficulty in providing for the heavy outgoings at Michaelmas. Apprehensions are also entertained that the want of employment for the poor will press more heavily upon the country next winter than it has hitherto done. It becomes our Ministers to look to this seriously before the next session of Parliament.

The present degraded state of peasantry is a subject of frightful interest, and cannot be trifled with, without endangering the security of property, and vitally affecting the best interests of the country.

September 11 1829

September 18 1829

Isle of Ely –Adjourned Sessions
Will be holden at the Sessions House, in Ely, on Thursday 24th Sept., inst., at eleven o'clock forenoon.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech

Burnt Fen First District
Notice is hereby given, that a General Half-yearly Meeting of the Commissioners acting under the several Acts of Parliament now in force for the Drainage of the above District, will be held at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 1st Oct., next, at twelve o'clock noon, pursuant to the directions of the said Acts.
Dated 17th September, 1829
Thomas Archer
Clerk to the Commissioners.

Lay Clerks – There are at this time. Three Vacancies in the Choir of Ely Cathedral. The Voices wanted are a Counter-Tenor, Tenor and Bass. The Election will not take place before 25th November, but testimonials of character and qualifications must be sent to the Rev. George Millers, Registrar, College, Ely, before 7th of that month. Every Candidate must be thoroughly acquainted with choir service and must specify his age.
All letters must be post paid.

September 25 1829

Death – On Friday the 18th inst., at the porter's lodge, Ely, much respected for his integrity, Mr Wm., Freeman, gardener, and one of the vergers of the Cathedral, aged 55 years.

October 2 1829

Birth – On Saturday last, at the Palace, Ely, the lady of the Rev. H. Fardell, of a daughter.

Death – On Sunday last, at Ely, much respected, Mr Charles Bidwell, aged 43, leaving a disconsolated widow and ten children to bewail their loss.

Turnpike – road leading from the Lamb corner in Ely to Chequer corner in Downham, Norfolk, called the "North District"

The General Annual meeting of the Trustees will be holden at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Wed., 28th October, at eleven o'clock forenoon.

Also at the said meeting new Trustees will be chosen to supply the vacancies occasioned by death or otherwise.
H. R. Evans, Clerk

Turnpike – road leading from Cambridge to Ely and thence to Soham, called the "South District".

The General Annual Meeting of the Trustees will be holden at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Wed. 28 October, at eleven o'clock forenoon.

New Trustees will be chosen to supply the vacancies occasioned by death or otherwise.
H. R. Evans, Clerk

October 9 1829

Marriage – On Monday last, at Ely (by the Rev. W. C. Leach) William Muriel Esq., of Wickhom Market, Suffolk to Catherine Meliora Alexander, of the College Ely.

Death on the 25th ult., Mrs Rance, widow of Mr. H Rance, late of Ely.

October 16 1829

We understand that a new iron suspension bridge will next summer replace the present dangerous and insecure structure across the river Ouse, at Ely.

Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at Ely on Wednesday 21st October by ten o'clock forenoon. The several Clerks of the Justices are requested to send the Depositions and Recognizances to the Office of the Clerk of the Peace in Wisbech, before or on the Saturday preceding.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech

Ely, October 12th - The farmers are now bringing to a close one of the most harassing harvests within memory. A few Oats are still abroad in the Fens, and a small portion of Beans in the highlands. The Wheats thrashed have yielded very favourably, and if the present prices could be maintained till the approach of another harvest, the crop would prove a remunerating one, but we are apprehensive of a heavy glut at Christmas and a consequent decline in prices, and the recent importations of foreign corn serve to favour this idea.

The unfavourable state of the weather has had an injurious effect upon the green crops, which are said to be alike deficient in quantity and quality. It has also had anything but a genial influence on stock, both store and feeding. The greatest difficulty is felt in getting the Wheat lands into condition, and into manuring them, particularly in the fens, and on the heavy clay soils in the highlands; and unless the weather for a few weeks should prove a perfect contrast to what we have experienced for the last three months, a great breadth of Wheat land will remain unsown. Great complaints have been made by the graziers of the returns from Smithfield. It has been no uncommon occurrence for the salesman to remit £15 for a fiftystone (14 lbs) bullock, and instances are to be met with in this neighbourhood of fat stock being sold at less prices than they cost as stores. Here is nothing for the landlord – the tithe owner – or for parochial dues, and yet the poor tenant has to meet these outgoings, as well as bear his own loss of profit.

NEXT PAGE MISSING

October 23 1829

Marriage – On Tuesday last, at Exning, (by the Rev. T. F. Dibden D.D) Hugh Robert Evans, Esq., eldest son of H. R. Evans Esq., solicitor, of Ely, to Harriett second daughter of Robert Robson Esq., of Exning.

Mrs D. Fortington – Begs to inform her friends that her Assistant is now in London selecting patterns for Millinery, Dresses, etc., and hopes for a continuance of their favours.
High Street, Ely.

October 30 1829
November 6 1829
Without Reserve, for Ready Money
Capital Gang of Lighters and 2 Water Horses
Ely
To Be Sold by Auction, by C Legge
On Friday 13th November, on the Quay of the Ship Inn, at the Waterside, Ely;
A Capital Gang of Lighters, and 2 Water-Horses, late the property of Mr. Geo. Fuller, of Littleport near Ely, Waterman, (under an assignment for the benefit of creditors), consisting of Forelighter, burthen 15 chaldron; House Lighter, 14 do.; Third Lighter (decked) 13 do., Fourth Lighter decked) 13 do.; Little House Lighter, 14 do., and a Horse Boat; all in excellent repair and fit for either the Corn or Coal Trade: together with Masts, Sails, Gears, Rigging, Lines, Poles Tarpaulings etc. complete. Also, two strong and useful Water-Horses.

A Dinner will be provided at the Ship Inn, to be on the table at Half-past Twelve, and the sale will begin precisely at two o'clock.

N.B. The deed of Assignment for the Benefit of the Creditors of the said George Fuller, will be at the office of Mr William Claxton, solicitor, High St. Ely, for two months from the 22nd Oct.; and all persons Creditors of the said George Fuller, neglecting to execute the same, within the above time, will be excluded all benefit therefrom.

November 13 1829
Death – On Tuesday last at Ely, Emma Martha, infant daughter of the Rev. H. Fardell.

The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, for the Isle of Ely, will be holden by Adjournment, at the Sessions House, in Ely, on Thursday 19th Nov. inst., at eleven o'clock forenoon.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace

Padnal and Waterden Fens
In Ely and Littleport
The Owners and Occupiers of Land in the above Fens are requested to take Notice that the Commissioners of Drainage, have it in contemplation if the state of the weather should allow it, to Enclose the north-east part of the above Fen early in the ensuing month, by embanking across the present channel of the river near Pye-house and at Sketchdole Corner; and that the south-east part of the said Fens will be enclosed as early in the spring of next year as the works can be put in sufficient progress.

They are further requested to take immediate measures for roding all the Division Ditches belonging to their lands, situate in any part of the said Fens, and also to take notice that they will be required effectually to scour out the whole of their ditches as soon as it will be practicable to do so, that no time will be lost in providing a free passage for the water.
Dated 11th November, 1829
Thomas Archer
Clerk to the Commissioners
November 20 1829
Death – On Tuesday last, at Ely, aged 79 Mrs Bennington, relict of Mr Robert Bennington of that place.
November 27 1829
December 4 1829
December 11 1829
The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely will be holden by Adjournment in the Town Hall, Wisbech St Peter's, on Wednesday 16th December inst., at eleven o'clock forenoon.
Hugh Jackson

Clerk of the Peace
December 18 1829
December 25 1829
A meeting of the Owners and Occupiers of Land in the Hundred of Ely, and South part of the Hundred of Witchford, will be held at the White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 31st December inst. at Twelve o'clock at noon to take into consideration the propriety of petitioning Parliament to adopt measures for the relief of the Agriculturists from the Burthens now pressing upon them.

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January 1 1830
A numerous and highly respectable meeting of owners and occupiers of land in the Hundred of Ely, and South Part of the Hundred of Witchford, was held at the White Hart Inn Ely, yesterday, to consider the propriety of petitioning Parliament "to adopt the measures for the relief of agriculturists from the burthens now pressing upon them", Jonathan Page Esq., in the chair. Resolutions declaratory of the depressed conditions of all classes deriving their support from agriculture, and of the necessity of immediate relief, were passed. Application was directed to be made to the County members, requesting them to present and support the petition to the House of Commons; and to the Earl of Hardwicke, requesting his Lordship to present the petition to the House of Lords.
January 8 1830
Marriage – On the 31st ult., at Whitwell Derbyshire, (by the Rev. M.S. King) Mr Robert Spencely, to Miss J Fortington, both of Ely.

Full account of Ely Agricultural Meeting on page 2 col.6. also petition to be presented to Parliament.

The several prisoners in the gaol at Ely and those in the house of correction at Wisbech, return thanks to the High Bailiff of the Isle for a very comfortable dinner of beef and mutton, with a pint of ale each, the former on Christmas Day, and the latter on New Years' Day.
January 15 1830
January 22 1830
Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions
Wisbech January 13, 1830
Rev Jeremiah Jackson, M.A. Chairman

Prisoners – Only 1 from Ely.

William Wilson of Ely, (only twelve years of age) was charged with having on the 29 October last, at Ely, feloniously taken from a stall, then in possession of William Bonney, six knives, of the value of 2s. his property.
Guilty recommended to mercy – Sentenced to be confined in the House of Correction at Ely for three weeks, the first and last week solitary confinement.
January 29 1830
Death – Last week at Ely, aged 70 years, Mr R Hawkes, boatwright.

Turnpike Road – Leading from Ely to Downham, Norfolk, called "the North District"
In pursuance of a Requisition from two of the Trustees, Notice is hereby given, that a meeting of the Trustees will be holden at the White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Monday 15 February next, at eleven o'clock forenoon, for the purpose of taking into consideration and of remedying the obstruction which the removal of the late Turnpike Gate near Littleport Bridge to its present situation has occasioned to the Occupiers of Land in Littleport Fen, and on General business.
H. R. Evans Clerk

A small portion taken from report of a County meeting held in the Town Hall Cambridge, last Friday, from the speech of S. Wells Esq.

He (Mr Wells) said they were met there on account of the distresses of the country, and surely it was competent to any individual to state what he considered to be the cause of those distresses. Another grievance under which the country laboured was an ill-regulated church establishment.

For Instance, there was the See of Ely worth £15,000 a-year, and yet the Bishop had given to his eldest son, the Rev. J. H. Sparke, aged 36, the following lucrative appointments.

1.	Chancellor of the Diocese	£300
2.	Lay Rector of Littlebury	£420
3.	Prebendary of Ely	£600
4.	Rector of Leverington	£2,000
5.	Rector of Boxwell, Norfolk	£400
6.	Steward of the Bishop's Manor Courts	£200

The learned gentleman was then proceeding to enumerate the other appointments held by the Bishop's family, when he was called to order.

The Sheriff decided the subject was irrelevant.

February 5 1830

February 12 1830

The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden by Adjournment, at the Town Hall in Wisbech, on Wednesday 17 Feb. next at eleven o'clock forenoon.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech

Mysterious Circumstances – The labourers of Downham near Ely, have dug up, in the gravel pit, several skeletons of men, a woman and a child. They were all buried in a vey superficial manner; and some of them appeared, from the position in which they were found, to have been thrust into the ground in haste. In a hole with one of the skeletons a knife and dagger were found.

February 19 1830

Death – On Tuesday last, in the ninth year of her age, Mary, grand-daughter of Mr Johnson, at the Red Lion Inn, Ely.

At Ely, James Kirby, Edward Ingram, the widow of Henry Legge, the widow of John Rowlett and widow Blunt, have all died within this week, whose united ages amount to upwards of 400 years.

February 26 1830

On Saturday the 6th inst., an inquisition was taken at Thetford near Ely, by Hugh Robert Evans, Esq., coroner for the Hundred of Ely, on view of the body of Thomas Haynes, an occasional drover for Mr John Goodbody of Ely, who, on his way home from London, mistook the road, and lost his way between Stretham and Ely, on the preceding Monday night, and was found frozen to death on Thetford Common out of the frequented path, on the Friday following. Verdict accordingly – "Reader, take heed, watch and pray, for ye know not when the time is."

Turnpike Road – Leading from Ely to Downham, Norfolk, called the "North District".

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Trustees will be holden at the Lamb Inn, Ely, on Friday 12th March next, at Eleven o'clock forenoon, for the purpose of taking into consideration the bad state of the road in this District, and on general business.
H. R. Evans, Clerk
March 5 1830
March 12 1830
March 19 1830
Death – On Thursday 11th inst., at Ely, Mrs Ann Nunn, a maiden lady.

On Monday last, at his mother's residence in Regents Park, London, John Kitchener, Esq., late a medical practitioner at Ely.
March 26 1830
The Commission of assize for the Isle of Ely will be opened at Ely on Friday evening 2nd April.
April 2 1830
Death – On Tuesday last, at Ely, Mr John Cropley, farmer, in his 89th year.

Cobbett at Ely
Mr Editor,

I was much surprised on reading a paragraph in the Huntingdon paper last week, which stated that this old bone grubber was attended by from 100 to 150 persons, in the market room at the White Hart Inn, most of whom were highly gratified with what they heard; to say nothing of his visiting the spot where the militia men were flogged, and such nonsense as the grass not growing where British blood was shed etc. etc. To rescue our neighbourhood from the disgrace (I call it) of having him amongst us, I send you the following accurate account of his reception here. It is true that he did come to Ely, and in his carriage, about the middle of the day on Thursday last. He drove to the Lamb. I should observe he had previously written to a gentleman to get him a room and some bills out, which the gentleman, much to his credit, declined. He enquired for the best farmers' house, and was told the White Hart; thither he repaired, enquired for the market table, was shown upstairs, but lo and behold! this amiable man's company was rejected, and so down he walks. What an insult, Mr Editor; I should think they will hear of it in his next Register. He was so chagrined that I believe, to use a vulgar phrase, he boxed Harry. Determined, however, not to give up, he went into the low market room, to answer questions that might be put to him; there he stopped until about nine o'clock. So much for the 150 people being in the room, it will not hold 60; and a pretty motley assemblage it was. There might be some eight or ten farmers, but lots of gardeners, tailors, shoemakers, etc.

Questions were put by the most learned to the wonderful man, and he replied with as much wonderful condescension; and at last the landlord offended him by opening the door too often, perhaps to see that none of them slipped off without paying their reckoning. At last Mr Cobbett was offended, and as one of his supporters told me, "just as he was nicely getting into going gears" – so off he walked. I should tell you, to shew his contempt for exciseable articles, he drank milk.

He then went to the Lamb where he was followed by a chosen few. At this place some of his auditors knew more than he did; one of them also made bold to say he thought Mr. C. had left the White Hart without paying his reckoning; at this of course he was indignant. A servant was dispatched to mine host of the White Hart to know what Mr C had to pay; the answer was, nothing; he might send the servants what he pleased, which was no doubt something very liberal, but I have not heard what. Now, Mr Editor, can you or your readers envy the mans' feelings after this reception – I should think he will never pay us another visit.

To the credit of the town his reception was everything but what I have no doubt he was led to expect.

Your readers are now in full possession of the great man's movements in this town. I am only afraid you will think too much of your valuable paper has been taken up. You must excuse me for the credit of the town, as I could not help letting the public know the truth.

Yours very obediently
OBSERVER
Ely, March 30 1830

April 9 1830

Isle of Ely Assizes

Chief Justice Storks arrived in Ely on Friday evening, and opened the commission. On Saturday the learned Judge went to church, where an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. H. Deacle of Sutton. The Chief Justice then proceeded to the Court House where the following gentlemen were sworn on the Grand Jury.

Thomas Fryer Esq.	Wm. Martin (Wilburton) Gent
Thos. Burgess Esq.	Thos. S. Watson, Gent
Thos Spooner, Esq.	Thos. Drage, Gent
Wm. Apsey, Esq.	John Drage, Gent
Geo. Hall, Esq.	Wm. Jellings, Gent
Wm. Layton, Esq.	John Waddelow, Gent
Wm Martin, sen. Esq.	Ste. Stanton, Gent
J. C. Dunn, Gent	Hardy Johnson, Gent
Thos. Johnson, Gent	W. E. Read, Gent
Edw. Loomes, Gent	H. Skeels, Gent
Seth Bull, Gent	Huntingdon, Martin, Gent

The learned Judge, in a very luminous charge said he was happy to see the amelioration of the criminal code proceeding rapidly. We boasted of our ancestors, but when the present race were mouldering in the dust posterity would bless us for our labours and improvements. It was exceedingly to be regretted that crime was on the increase there were many causes for this state of things – education, unquestionably, was a great blessing, but is was useless if not connected with morality. The poor-rate system, however beneficial, had its evils, and the illustrious Princess who was the founder of those laws never contemplated the present effects; evils will spring out of good; our ancestors never contemplated to keep the poor without labor; England was and he hoped would continue to be proud of her poor, but that proud feeling of independence which characterized them was gone.

The poor-box was formerly approached with shame and reluctance; this feeling was not completely altered, he feared never to be restored. He made those observations upon a strong desire that the gentlemen of the Grand Jury, by their persevering attention in their several parishes, would endeavour to restore the poor man to his former station in society. The learned Judge said he regretted exceedingly such an unusual calendar, the crimes were numerous, he looked at it with great pain.

Prisoners. Sat. April 3rd.

Abel Lofts, Littleport, labourer, indicted for stealing two holland shirts and one calico shirt, the property of Rev. Thos. Watson, of Littleport, on 1st Feb. last – Verdict guilty,
Sentence three months' imprisonment and hard labour.

Benjamin Bates, (aged 22) charged with having on 26 March, feloniously stolen a boat-sprit, the property of Isaac Brown, of Stretham – guilty three months' imprisonment and hard labour.

James Chamberlain (aged 50), indicted for stealing the carcase of a sheep, the property of Mr. Joseph Wigginton, of Thorney, farmer. The prisoner confessed and hoped to be forgiven. Verdict – guilty – Sentence of death recorded.

Wm. Thompson (aged 25) and Wm. Smith (aged 22) charged with feloniously breaking into the dwelling-house of Wm. Woods, of Wisbech, publican, on 24 Aug. last, and stealing a hammer, a towel, a great-coat, and other articles. The prisoners pleaded guilty, the Judge strongly advised them to take their trial, they however persisted in their plea, Sentence of death recorded.

Wm. Goode (aged 34), of Whittlesea, stood indicted for feloniously threatening, on the 26 Jan. last, to accuse John Boyce, a youth of 17 of an infamous crime, with an intent to extort and gain money. The details of this case, would be too disgusting to lay before the public. It was completely proved that the prisoners demand was at first 5s. then 2.6d and at last three half-pence. Sentenced to transportation for life.

Monday April 5.

Richard Jones (22) charged with stealing barley, and various articles out of a barn at Whittlesea, the property of Mr. Abraham Hurry Hobbs. Guilty.
Three month's imprisonment and hard labour.

James Flowers (23) and Charles Desborough (27) were capitally arraigned, for having in the day time of Sat. 16th Jan. last, in the parish of Standground, assaulted Wm. Salman, and robbed him of 16 shillings and sixpence. Verdict guilty – the Judge told the prisoners he should spare their lives, but they must expect to go out of the country for life.

Manslaughter at Chatteris.

Joseph Stocks (27) charged with manslaughter, in having caused the death of William Lamb, in Sept. Last. The accused was given an excellent character and his family were universally respected. Verdict – guilty and sentenced to imprisonment for two months.

Joseph Jones (32) charged with having, early in the morning of March last, at Wisbech feloniously struck, wounded and bruised the person of Thomas Langman, with a knife or other sharp instrument, with intent to kill and murder the said Thomas Langman. The jury found the prisoner guilty sentenced to be transported for life.

Tuesday April 6

George North (21) and Wm. Haynes (30) were indicted for uttering counterfeit coin on 3rd March. Sentenced to one years' imprisonment and hard labour each and at the end of that time to find sureties for their good behaviour, themselves in £40 each, and two surities in £10.

William Burridge (28) charged with stealing various articles from the workhouse at Littleport, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months imprisonment at Wisbech, and to be publicly whipped.

John Stafford (32) indicted for stealing one stone of flour, the property of Mr John Butters, miller, of Elm, on 20 March last. Guilty. Sentence 6 months imprisonment and hard labour.

Henry Smith, a boy aged only 10 years, indicted for breaking into the dwelling house of Wm. Towson, at March on 23rd Sept. last, and stealing six shillings in silver, and other articles. Guilty but recommended to mercy, it was understood that he had been several times in want of food and the common necessaries of life, and the inattention of his family, and the inhuman treatment the boy had experienced from his father. At present, the only course was to record sentence of death, the boy having committed a capital crime.

Wm Aunger (25) and Wm. Knowles (20) were indicted for stealing out of a stable in the Bell Inn yard, in Ely, for paper parcels each containing five shillings worth of coppers, the property of Wm. Shields on 27 Feb. last. Verdict guilty, six months' imprisonment and hard labour.

Richard Masters – an old offender, from Sutton, was found guilty of stealing 18 deal planks, the property of Mr. Baxter. Sentence seven years transportation.

Thomas Ankin (19) charged with having burglariously broken into the dwelling house of Ann Munson of Holy Trinity, in Ely, and stolen one copper boiler and other articles, during the night of 13th October last. Sentence six month's imprisonment and hard labour.

April 16 1830

Mercantile Situation at Ely
To Be Let

An excellent Dwelling House, fit for the reception of a large family, situate at the bottom of Fore-hill in Ely, with large Yards and Gardens, Granary, Brewery, Lime Kiln, Stables, late in the tenure of Mr Charles Bidwell, deceased, and on which an extensive and long established Business in the Brewing, Wine, Spirit, Malt and Lime and Coal Trade was carried on for many years.
Immediate possession may be had.
Further particulars from Evans, Archer and Evans, Solicitors Ely.

April 23 1830
Opening of the New South Level Cut.
The completion of this great work, which has of late excited so much interest in the south level, was celebrated at Ely on Monday last.

Our limits are so circumscribed from the pressure of matter, arising out of the various public meetings held at Ely this week, that we are not able to go into detail of the ceremonies of the day as we could have wished, and we must therefore content ourselves with a brief outline of the proceedings.

The Commissioners with their friends, assembled at the Lamb Inn at eleven o'clock, and soon afterwards went in formal procession to the Quay, headed by the charity children of Ely. The band of the Cambridgeshire Militia, the colours of the Ely volunteers, and parties of the workmen who had been employed in excavating the cut, and of the waterboys working on the stream.

The Commissioners' barge, and a great number of other barges and boats fitted up and decorated for the occasion, were in attendance at the Quay, and the procession, accompanied by a large party of ladies, proceeded along the line of the works to Littleport Bridge, halting at the junction of the two cuts, when the new River was in due form named "The South Level Cut," on the proposition of Mr Beales, one of the Commissioners. The party reached Ely at five o'clock having on their return seen the Commissioners' dredging-engine at work, which was then raising earth at the rate of a ton per minute. No accident occurred to mar the pleasures of the day, and it has seldom been out lot to witness a more animating scene.

At half-past five o'clock the Commissioners party consisting of about 90 gentlemen, sat down to an excellent dinner, which was served up in a style reflecting the highest credit on the landlord, Mr Beecroft – F. K. Eagle, Esq., was in the chair.

The Chairman having briefly proposed the health of "The King" and "Prosperity to the Fens," next rose and gave "Success to South Level Drainage," in doing which he observed that every one must have experienced the highest gratification in witnessing the proceedings of the day. If anyone turned to the commencement of their works, and observed what was then promised, they would find that what had already been completed, was executed within the expence estimated. This was a circumstance perhaps never before know in the history of fen business. A grand object of the Commissioners had been a reunion and combination of the interests of Navigation and Drainage; the bringing men together, and laying aside all jealous views and feelings, where in truth none ought to exist, and in this they had been greatly indebted to their friend Mr Beales.

In the prosecution of their labours, the Commissioners had laid down the rule of never being intimidated, nor of making use of a long purse to oppress any individual. The works had been so executed as must prove of permanent utility to themselves, and prosperity to the country generally.

The following lines, written for the occasion by Mr Harrison, of Downham, who was described as the Poet Laureate of the fens, were then read.

Poem for the occasion by Mr Harrison.
Let old Padnals sedgy moors
Echo to his furthest shores;

Waterden the strains prolong
Of the music and the song;
While the glad exulting Ouse
Comes to wed his virgin spouse
Long his streams have spent their force,
Winding in the serpents' course;
Or with stagnant waters wide
Overflown his swampy side!
Long has Padnals' dreary waste
Elys' neighbourhood disgraced;
Long her stately pile has frown'd
O'er the scene, desert and drown'd!
But we see and era new
Rising in the future view,
And rejoice to hail the day
When the stain is wip'd away:
When, instead of deluged moors
Zig-zag streams and jetty'd shores,
Deeper beds and straighter mounds
Circumscribe the river's bounds,
Urging on its seaward course
With accelerated force.
Hope, with grateful eye, surveys
Bright anticipated days,
When the swain shall plough and sow
Where the fisher used to row:
Waving cornfields supersede
Swampy wastes of sedge and reed:
Bleating sheep and lowing kine
In the future concert join
Where the bittern's hollow boom
Echo'd through the dreary gloom.
Since such fruits we hope to share
From out well-intended carte,
While our barge so gaily glides
O'er the rivers' virgin tides
And the musics melting strain
Floats along the liquid plain,
Freely let the sparkling glass
Round the social circle pass,
Drowning in he generous bowl
Every care that racks the soul.

Glee – "Tis our opening Day.

S. P. Beales, Esq., proposed the health of "The Chairman," observing that it was not necessary to say much in introducing the health of such an individual, particularly to those who were acquainted with his character. Whether his actions were viewed in private life, at the Bar, or as a Commissioner, he ever filled his situation with honour. In the business of the fens he had frequently stood almost alone; but ultimately other gentlemen, who had at first opposed themselves to his measures, had co-operated with him: they all knew how much his services had contributed to the forwarding those works, which that day proved had been so well accomplished. He trusted his friends; great exertions for the improvement of the drainage of the fens would ever be felt and duly appreciated, and it was with much satisfaction that he proposed the health of F. K. Eagle, Esq., their excellent chairman.

F. K. Eagle, Esq., in returning thanks, observed that it was his wish ever to be tried by his deeds, and not by words. He should always be most happy and willing to concern in any measure which might tend to the general interest and welfare of the fens. It was at the request of the Commissioners themselves that he had accepted the office of chairman at their meetings.

There were other persons better qualified for the office, but in point of zeal none exceeded himself; still he could have affected nothing if it had not been for the troops under his command – they had accomplished the great work, he had only given his opinion. He trusted they would persevere in their labours; at the same time begging to state, he considered it his duty to do all in his power to serve the public, and whenever the commissioners thought his services could be useful, they might command them.

The Chairman next gave, "The Duke of Bedford" and the Bedford Level Board," He was aware he said, that the Board must be anxious generally to do all that was right; he wished, however, that they themselves, and the commonalty in general, were in more frequent communication with the Board, for he must confess that himself and others were considerably in the dark as to the proceedings of that body, and in which the whole Bedford Level had to deep an interest.

John Hemington, Esq., as a member of the Board returned thanks, observing that the body was anxious to do their utmost to serve the Public and he hoped they would continue so to act, and that their labours would be directed in such a manner as to become a blessing to the country at large.

Tune – "Should auld acquaintance be forgot," by the Cambridgeshire Militia band.

The Rev. Mr Newcome, said, that among the numerous gratifications of the day, he had now one of peculiar pleasure to discharge, in proposing the health of his reverend friend "Mr Beales, and success to Navigation" – The Rev. gent then observed that in many of his previous journeys through the country he had always approached the town of Ely with unpleasant feelings, in viewing the great wastes of land. The present meeting had proved that all lands under water may become fertile, and it was delightful to think that where there were formerly swampy marshes, those spots will speedily be filled with flocks and herds, and in the place of the snipe we shall hear the song of the lark and nightingale.

All this and more was owing to the works in which Mr Beales took so much interest. Perhaps, however, his friend would say, "a fig for your lowing flocks, give me fine barges sailing down the river: a fig for the music of your larks and nightingales, give me the song of the honest waterman urging on his horses to deliver a valuable freight to his anxious master." Mr Beales had many claims upon the country. When drainage and navigation first came under consideration, men urged that marshy fens and shallow rivers were preferable; his friend, however, saw the error, and said, "Give me dry fens and deep rivers" (Loud cheers) In this opinion he stood alone, even in the seat of learning and of the muses. When they observed all that he had accomplished through good and evil report, he thought they would agree with him that his friend deserved every demonstration of respect.

Glee – "See the Chariot at hand here of Love."

S. P. Beales, Esq., in acknowledging his friends' kind mark of esteem, said, he had on no occasion suffered the interests of navigation to interfere with that of drainage. It was his opinion that they must trade upon deep rivers, in which opinion he had stood almost alone in Cambridge, but he had been much assisted by Mr. Hemington, which he trusted augured that he would be of great service to them at the Bedford Level Board. There had been a jealousy subsisting between the interests of navigation and drainage upwards of fifty years, and he was glad to find that something had at length been accomplished to engender a different feeling.

Some in the room in their character of Eau Brink Commissioners had formed part of a Committee constituted for the purpose of healing the unhappy Eau Brink differences, and of conciliating all parties. They had got matters into such a train that an enormous sum of money would have been saved to the country if their labours had proceeded; but they all knew how the committee had been treated.

It was his opinion that less sluices would do on the Cam, and he was glad Mr Mylne had recommended the removal of two. If the Conservators of the Cam did their duty, when the South Level Commissioners had deepened the river at Clayhithe Sluice, by also deepening it from that point to Cambridge, he believed that Bottisham Sluice might then be done away with, for it was now a little service. He thought they might have both songs of the lark and the nightingale, together with broadbottomed barges and the music of the barge-men. In conclusion he would observe, that the South Level was greatly injured by the delay in altering Denver Sluice, and if the proprietors did not receive what they deserved, he hoped they would go and assert their rights.

It remained with themselves, and if they did to make proper use of the power they possessed, it was their own fault, and they must take the consequence.

J. D. Merest, Esq., said, that in proposing the next toast, he need scarcely call the attention of the meeting to the great interest which the Earl of Hardwicke has uniformly taken in fen affairs, and to the heavy obligations due to him from the country. He had ever evinced the greatest anxiety for the welfare of the South Level, and had warmly supported the present measures, as a proof of which he would remind the meeting of the noble manner in which he patronized the subscription for the bill and the loan.

He (Mr. M.) had formed part of a deputation appointed to wait upon his Lordship on the passing of the Act, to tender the thanks of the Commissioners for his Lordships' support, and he should ever remember with gratitude the courteous and hospitable reception they had met with, and the strong terms in which his Lordship had expressed his wishes for the prosperity of their works. He had much pleasure in proposing "The health of the Earl of Hardwicke).

Mr Archer read an extract from a letter received from his Lordship, in which, after expressing his regret at his inability to attend the meeting, on account of the postponement of the Corporation meeting, his Lordship added - I must again repeat my regret at the circumstances which stand in the way of my attendance, for I should have been particularly gratified if I could have managed it without inconvenience, to have been amongst the earliest witnesses of the completion of one of the greatest improvements I remember in the fens, and one that has been planned and executed upon the true principle of combining the two objects of improved drainage and complete navigation.

Tune – "Lord Hardwicke's March."

J Hemington, Esq., next proposed "The Committee of Management," all of whom, he observed, had executed the arduous duties of their office with honour to themselves and great advantage to the country.

Mr Archer said, he had been in regular attendance on the committee, and he could state that greater zeal could not have been manifested in the charge of public duty.

They had not suffered themselves to be swayed by private interests. Some of them had experienced much annoyance and some injury from the proximity of the works to their estates, and one of them had even suffered his wheat to the injured at the approach of harvest rather than retard the execution of the works by putting his mills in motion.

Thomas Spooner, Esq., as one of the committee, returned thanks, observing, that little credit was due to himself or the committee. They had only to attend to the works which had been carried on under the management of their able and valuable superintendent, Mr Human.

He had attended to their wishes on every occasion, and to his plans and arrangements the credit was due for the execution of the works within the estimate. He had saved the country a very considerable sum of money.

He had saved the entire profits of a Contractor, and which it was well known would have amounted to many thousands of pounds, besides which the works were now executed in a far different style to the general execution of contracts in the fens.

Much benefit he (Mr. S.) said, had been already derived from the works, and the Eau Brink Cut; the water on the occasion of the floods of last winter having fallen 5 ½ inches in 24 hours, and three or four inches per day on several successive days, whereas formerly the loss of one inch in 24 hours was seldom obtained. The improvement in the drainage had greatly increased since the Eau Brink Cut was widened.

The Chairman then gave "The Lord of the Franchise". He hoped they might anticipate the honour of his Lordships' company on some future occasion.

The Rev. J. H. Sparke, in the absence of his father, begged to acknowledge the honour conferred upon him. No person felt a deeper interest for the welfare of the fens, or would more gladly do anything for their benefit. He thought himself a fortunate person in being connected with them and as such was most anxious for their prosperity.

Song - Mr Barrat, "England! Europe's glory," sung in most excellent style, and loudly encored.

Mr Ball gave "The Treasurer", who had discharged the arduous duties of his office very satisfactorily, and without the least remuneration or profit.

Jonathan Page, Esq., returned thanks.

Mr Spooner begged to propose the health of an individual who had proved himself a friend indeed. In the outset they experienced some difficulties in obtaining funds, and were fearful they should have been compelled to have gone to the Loan Commissioners, or have suspended their works for two years. His friend, however, had relieved them from their difficulties, by advancing the liberal sum of £10,000. He therefore proposed "Mr Hemington, one of the subscribers to the South Level Loan.

Mr Hemington returned thanks, observing that his services were too highly estimated, for he had regularly received the interest for his money.

Mr James Seaber felt happy in proposing the health of "The Engineer," whose deeds and acts were before them, and who had in no one instance deceived them. He (Mr. S.) believed him to be a straightforward and honourable man.

Glee – "Glorious Apollo."

Mr Layton, in proposing the health of Mr Archer, the Clerk to the Commissioners, said he felt he had undertaken an arduous task: he considered it a debt of gratitude on his part to bring under their consideration the services of one to whom all interested in the South Level were so deeply indebted. In taking a view of the indefatigable exertions of Mr Archer, he could not but reflect how anxiously and fearlessly he had executed the duties of his office under circumstances of great difficulty. He had to deal with conflicting interests, he had to carry on his labours against a great diversity of

opinion, but he had surmounted these obstacles, and brought their affairs to the happy state in which they found them. He was sure but one feeling prevailed in this subject, and that all were ready to acknowledge the essential services Mr Archer had rendered the country, and the great professional talent and integrity he had displayed in their cause. He had the highest satisfaction in proposing his health.

Mr Beales supported the observations of Mr. Layton. The toast was received with great applause.

Mr Archer said he offered himself to their notice to acknowledge the toast under feelings of considerable embarrassment. There were occasions in every man's life when the heart felt more then the tongue could utter, and in that situation he then found himself. He did not flatter himself he merited the encomiums so liberally bestowed upon him, but he did feel he had endeavoured to execute the office with zeal and fidelity, and where he had failed as he doubtless had on many occasions, the errors arose from his head, and not from the heart. The success of their measures was not to be ascribed to his exertions, but to the line of conduct the Commissioners themselves had pursued. In the outset of the business they had strenuously opposed the introduction of any clauses in the Act to serve private interests, and he could challenge any person to point out any part of the Act which was not framed on principles of strict justice. As they begun, so they proceeded, and he could say that no man having a fair and honest claim on their funds had gone away empty handed; while, on the other hand no unjust demand was submitted to; they had not aimed to court the high or oppress the low, but to deal justly by all.

Some allusion had been made to their expenditure in reference to the estimate laid before Parliament, and he would therefore give them some information on the subject. The total amount of the estimate was £42,510.9s.0d. The works already executed were there stated at £30,146, the sum expended was £27,642, leaving a balance within the estimate of £2,504.

From information given by Mr Human, there appeared a prospect of a proportionate saving in the works remaining to be executed, in which case the whole expenditure will fall considerably short of the estimate.

He had not heard of any instance of the kind in the fens. He trusted their affairs would continue to go on prosperously; if it were not so, it should not be owing to any dereliction of duty on his part.

The Chairman next gave the South Level toast –"Deep and Straight Rivers, Low Cills, and Suspension Bridges."

Tune – Overture to Lodoiska.

The Chairman next observed that the conduct of the town of Lynn had been most handsome.

The Commissioners had made to them no concession of interest but they had met with the most satisfactory treatment. It was clear that to ensure general success the two interests must be conjoined. He therefore proposed "The Union of Drainage and Navigation."

Glee – Canadian Boat Song.

S. P. Beales, Esq., then gave "The Committee Accounts" observing that they were greatly indebted to those gentlemen for their services. In the execution of their labours they stood not for fear, favour or affection, and would ultimately save the country several thousands of pounds. He should request that the Committee be applied to, to consider some handsome remuneration to their excellent superintendant (Mr. John Human) and that it be done in such a way that posterity may become acquainted with his great services. Mr Human, too, was not the only person to be so considered; their worthy Clerk was above all pecuniary recompense, his assiduity excited the

admiration of all. He therefore trusted that some mark of esteem to these individuals would be taken into consideration, and that it would be ready for presentation at the completion of the works.

Mr James Seaber returned thanks.

"The Chancellor of the Diocese" was next given the Chair, and Mr Sparkes briefly acknowledged the compliment.

The Chairman then proposed the health of "The Rev. Mr Newcome."

Mr Newcome returned thanks, observing, that himself and some friends had witnessed the proceedings of the day, with the view of taking an example from the excellent arrangements of the Commissioners. In his part of the country they had been endeavouring for the last twenty years to make the water run up hill, but unfortunately for the success of science, they could not accomplish it, and were, therefore, now out to drain their lands by an outlet. With respect to Denver Sluice, he was convinced they could have the full benefit of drainage until that was materially altered.

He wished health and prosperity to those who had given their money and labours to the completion of the grand work witnessed that day. They had given employment to their own labor, not going into Lincolnshire or elsewhere to gain labourers at a cheaper rate. They might depend upon it, that although they had not raised a gorgeous pile, or a pillar to the sky, still much had been done for the country. The talents entrusted to them had not been wrapped up in a napkin and buried in the earth, but employed for the general benefit of the neighbourhood and country.

The health of "The Visitors," and "The Staff officers of the Cambridgeshire Militia," were next drunk.

The Chairman proposed in a bumber the health of Mr John Human. He was an honourable and able man, and they must ever entertain respect and gratitude for his services, which had been exercised with great benefit to the South Level.

Mr Beales, and several other gentlemen testified in warm terms the utility of Mr Humans' labours also his praiseworthy conduct.

Mr Human said he was much gratified in knowing that he had given satisfaction. He would always endeavour to walk in the path of integrity, and act honestly towards his employers.

Mr Beales said he wished every Member of the House of Commons would make as good a speech.

The health of Mr William Harlock, Mr Marshall, the Collector, Mr Glynn, the engineer, and several other complimentary toasts were proposed, and the parties briefly returned thanks.

The Company continued the festivities of this highly gratifying day until a late hour.

April 30 1830

Upwards of 40 Horses
Thirty-Five head of Cow Stock
Extensive assortment of excellent
Farming Implements
Handsome Family Car on Four-Wheels
Neat Gig and Harness etc.
New Barns Farm, Ely.
To Be Sold by Auction, by C. Legge
On Wednesday 12th May next.
Part of the truly valuable Live and Dead Farming Stock, etc, of the late Mr. Charles Bidwell, deceased, on his Farm at New Barns Ely, by order of the Administratrix.

We understand that Mr. F. T. Gunning, solicitor of Cambridge, has been appointed Deputy Registrar of the archdeaconry of Ely, by the Rev. Richard Watson.

We hear it is in agitation to erect a toll or tolls upon the Ten-Mile-Bank leading to Denver Sluice, to be taken for all water-horses towing barges up or down the river.

May 7 1830

May 15 1830

The Bishop of Ely is seriously indisposed at his residence in Dover St.

May 21 1830

Death – yesterday at Ely, Mrs Trent, in her 47th year.

May 28 1830

Death – On Monday last, in her 48th year, after a long and painful affliction, Mrs Rayner, wife of Mr. Lavender Rayner of Ely.

June 4 1830

June 11 1830

The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely will be holden by Adjournment at the Town Hall, Wisbech, on Wed. 16th June inst., and by further adjournment at the Sessions House, at Ely, on Thursday 17th June, at Eleven o'clock, forenoon, each day.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace.

June 18 1830

We are glad, says our Ely correspondent, to learn that it is at length finally agreed this week by the Dean and Chapter, and other parties interested, to erect a Suspension bridge over the river Ouse at Ely, and pull down the present bridge, which is in a dangerous state, as well as a very great hindrance to drainage and navigation.

June 25 1830

Marriage – On the 17th inst., Mr William Cooper, to Miss Wilson, only daughter of the late Mr James Wilson, of that city.

Ely – June 21 – The late wet weather has proved as unfavourable to the operations of the husbandman as the wet season of last year.

Haymaking and weeding on the Highlands, and burning and coleseed sowing in the fens, are alike at a standstill, and probably there never was a period when the general unproductiveness of labour was more the subject of complaint. The crops of grass are heavy but those cut early will be found, after twenty days drenching, better suited to the straw yard than the bullock-lodge, and where the farmer, waiting patiently for more genial weather, has for-borne the use of the scythe, the grass has become coarse and lost half its virtue. Indeed, hay of prime quality will rarely be met with, and it is questionable whether any will be found fit for the consumption of King Priam and his Derby subjects. Superior old hay is getting much into demand, and we have heard very high prices mentioned. The Wheatcrops on the highland farms are far from promising, and in the fens there is a decided failure.

The winter cropping in general is considered to have suffered more from the few frosty nights in the spring than from the whole of the winter season. The Barleys on the strong and heavy lands have suffered much from the late rains, and in some parishes we have heard the injury estimated at two quarters per acre. Barley, it is well known, will not rally like any other description of grain. The Oats, though in general there is plenty of plant, looks cold and shivering, and the Beans are running to straw, but a seasonable supply of warm weather may yet secure average crops. Store and feeding stock appear to feel the pinch of the season, and make slow progress.

The fens assume a wintry garb, and the drainage engines are as actively at work as in the month of December.

July 2 1830
Death – On Friday 25 ult,, at Ely, aged 21, Susan Harriett, the beloved daughter of Mr. H. R. Evans.
Death of King George IV and Proclamation of William IV.
The Under Sheriff of the County afterwards went to Ely and proclaimed his Majesty in that city. A procession was formed at the Lamb Inn, and on arriving at the Shire-hall the proclamation was read; at its conclusion three hearty cheers were given, the band playing God save the King. The procession then went through the principal streets, stopping at intervals whilst the proclamation was read.
July 9 1830
July 16 1830
July 23 1830
July 30 1830
August 6 1830
August 13 1830
On Tuesday last two prisoners, named: Wm Hurst Papworth and Wm. Stalley escaped from Ely gaol.
August 20 1830
August 27 1830
Death – On Saturday 14th inst., at Ely, aged 77, Sarah, wife of Mr. Thos. Peckett, many years broker of that place.

Lammas Assizes.
Before Henry Storks Esq., Chief Justice at Wisbech.

Prisoners.

Robert Lawrence (aged 28) of Chettisham, labourer, stood charged with having, sometime between Saturday 16th and morning of Monday 18 Jan. last, feloniously stolen out of a stable belonging to William Layton of Chettisham, in the parish of St Mary in Ely, farmer, a set of cart-horse harness, his property. Verdict guilty; sentence, to be transported for life.

James Bull and Samuel Marshall, of Boxworth, labourers, charged on suspicion of having burglariously and feloniously broken into and entered the warehouse of Wm. Bridge Tomson, of Mepal on Wed. 17t March, and carried away various articles of woollen and linen-drapery goods. Insufficient evidence – verdict not guilty.

William Hurst Papworth, also committed on suspicion of the above robbery, is now at large having made his escape from prison.

Thomas Adams of Ely (25) stood charged with having between the hours of one and two on Thursday morning 15th July last, burglariously and feloniously broken into and entered the dwelling house of John Hills, of the parish of St Mary, Ely, liquor merchant, and with having at the same time put John Hills, son of the said John Hills, in bodily fear. Prisoner pleaded intoxication, his general character is truly honest and upright. Jury recommended him to mercy – a verdict of guilty – sentence not passed.

Samuel Burridge (aged 24) a travelling rope-maker, stood charged with having, early on Sunday morning 4th July last, feloniously robbed John Little of Wisbech, basket-maker, on the common highway, of 17.6d some halfpence, a canvas purse and a key of a box. Verdict guilty – sentence of death recorded.

A true bill was found against Wm. Stalley charged with having on 14th July last, feloniously entered the dwelling house of Wm. South, at Downham, and stolen therefrom a leather purse containing 30 sovereigns and other articles. The said Wm. Stalley is now at large, having escaped with Wm. Hurst Papworth from the gaol at Ely.
September 3 1830
September 10 1830
We understand that the Bishop of Ely, who is now at his palace in that city, is again seriously indisposed.
September 17 1830
Boarding School – Ely

Mr W. Trigg returns his most grateful acknowledgements to his friends for the patronage he has received, and respectfully informs them and the public, that, at Michaelmas next, he shall remove to the premises formerly the residence of the late Mr. Bidwell.

The house being large and commodious, and the playground dry, airy, and spacious, render the situation admirably adapted to scholastic pursuits, and enable him to make every requisite arrangement for the health, comfort and improvement of the pupils. The system of instruction comprises the usual branches of classical and Commercial education.

Terms for Board and complete English education
Twenty guineas per annum.
Latin and Greek Four Guineas per annum.
Music, Dancing, etc., if required on the terms of the respective Masters.
A quarter's notice will be expected previous to the removal of the pupil.

September 24 1830

Death – On Friday last, Mr James Evans, farmer, of Ely aged 68.

October 1 1830

Birth – On Monday last, in the College at Ely, the lady of the Rev. J. H. Sparke, of a daughter.

October 8 1830

Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at Ely, on Wednesday 20th October inst., by ten of the clock forenoon.

The several Clerks of the Justices are requested to send the Depositions and Recognizances to the office of the Clerk of the Peace, in Wisbech, before or on the Saturday preceding.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech.

October 15 1830

October 22 1830

Ely Sessions Oct. 20
Before the Rev. Geo. Jenyns, Chairman and a full bench of Magistrates.
The only business of importance, and that particularly so to licensed victuallers, was an appeal, wherein John Finch was appellant, and the Rev. H. Fardell, the Rev. J. H. Sparke, the Rev. B. Sparke and J. Page, Esq., were respondents.

It appeared from the opening of Mr Pryme, that Mr. Finch kept the Chequers public-house in Ely, but the Magistrates at the last licensing day refused the license, but assigned no reason for so doing, in consequence of which Finch gave notice of appeal. The following evidence was given:- Thomas Gilbert, a labourer, lodged in the house 14 months; slept out during that time only four nights; never came in after 10 at night; the family always went to bed between 10 and eleven; never saw or heard any disturbance, the house was regularly and quietly conducted. William Langford and John Shearmen, both watchmen of the city of Ely, stated the Chequers was within their beat; all was generally still and quiet at eleven; heard no disturbance or complaint during the last twelve months – Daniel Holmes, a constable, heard nothing against the house for the last year; witness was hired by Finch at fairs and statutes to keep order. James Barley, a gardener, lives within 20 yards of the Chequers heard nothing amiss the last twelve months. David Davies, a draper next door, spoke to the same effect. Thomas Spooner, Esq., Wm. Layton, Esq., Robt. Dix, Esq., churchwardens, Mr Cheeseright, overseer, and Mr. Thos. Willson all spoke to Finch's character as a steady, sober and industrious man.

Mr Flannagan (who by some accident appeared without his wig or gown, but for which he made a proper apology to the bench) insisted in a lengthened speech, that the Act of parliament (9 Geo.4) gave the magistrates a discretionary power to refuse if they thought proper, and that it was not to be supposed men of the honour, learning and integrity of the respondents, would exercise that discretion wrongfully, or that any impure motive or spirit would induce them to withhold the license, if Finch was a proper person to have one.

The learned gent called no witnesses. The Court retired for some time and on their return granted the license. The announcement was received with applause by a crowded court.

October 29 1830

Death – At Ely, on Friday last, in the 55th year of her age, deeply lamented, Elizabeth, the wife of H. R. Evans, Esq., of that place.

Mrs D Fortington
Begs to inform the Ladies of Ely and its vicinity, that her Assistant in now in London, selecting the most fashionable patterns in Millinery, Dresses, etc. and hopes for a continuance of their favours.
High street Ely
P.S. Show rooms, as usual.

November 5 1830

November 12 1830

Organist Wanted – The place of Organist in the Cathedral Church of Ely, will very shortly be Vacant. Candidates for the Office are desired to send testimonials of moral character and professional abilities to the Rev. G. Millers, College, Ely, before the 25th of this month.
Letter must be post paid.

November 19 1830

Death – at Ely, on Tuesday last, in the 81st year of her age, Mrs. Elizabeth Stubbins, wife of Mr. W. Stubbins, farmer, of Stuntney.

Death – On Sunday last, Alice, eldest child of the Rev. John Harris, dissenting minister, of Ely.

November 26 1830

December 3 1830

The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden by adjournment at the Town Hall, Wisbech, on Wednesday 8th Dec., and by further adjournment at the Sessions-house in Ely, on Thursday 9th Dec., next at Eleven o'clock forenoon each day.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech.

Death – Tuesday evening after a short illness, Mr James Wilkes, formerly a shoemaker of Ely, who has retired from business about 3 years.

A Meeting of Freeholders of the County of Cambridge and the Isle of Ely, was held in the Red Lion Inn in Cambridge, on Saturday last, for the purpose of signing a requisition to the High Sherriff for a county meeting; to take into consideration the present distressed and degraded state of the nation, the most effective means of obtaining a redress of grievances, and of restoring to the people their undoubted right of being fully represented in Parliament, the attendance was very respectable.
Long account with speeches on page 3 cols 1, 2, 3.

Diocesan Committee
of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge
within the Diocese of Ely.
At a General Meeting of the above Committee holden in the combination Room of St. John's College Cambridge, on Wednesday 1st December.
The Very Rev. the Dean of Ely in the Chair.
The Sub-Committee have to announce that during the present year they have distributed 351 bibles, 2460 Testaments, 803 Prayer Books, 4,530 other books and tracts, above two-thirds of which have been distributed gratuitously; and they have complied with every application that has been made to them

Full account on page 3 col. 5.

December 10 1830
December 17 1830
On Friday last an inquest was held before Mr. Chevell, one of the coroners for Cambridge, at the Black Bear Inn, on view of the body of the female who was discovered in a hamper taken to Messrs. March and Swann's wagon office, last week.

The body was satisfactorily identified by the brother of the deceased, William Dann, who stated that her name was Rebecca, and she was the wife of Thomas Shearman, a labourer, of Ely; that she died on the previous Friday, in a natural way, having been ill some time, and was interred on the following Sunday afternoon in the Churchyard of St Mary, at Ely. The Jury returned a verdict of died by the visitation of God. The two prisoners (Fowler and Smith) after another examination on Friday, were fully committed for trial; they were again very roughly treated and completely smothered with mud on their return to the Town Gaol
(Cambridge).

In order to prevent the further expression of public feeling against the prisoners, they were secretly conveyed to Ely gaol, on Monday, where they arrived in safety, and will take their trial at the ensuing sessions at Wisbech.

We believe both the men can be identified as having been in the churchyard at the time the funeral of the female took place, and they were seen to pass over Stretham Bridge on Tuesday morning, having a donkey with them, over the back of which two baskets were placed.

December 24 1830
Mr Janes – Organist of Ely Cathedral.

Begs to inform the Nobility and gentry of Cambridge and its vicinity, that he purposes giving Lessons after the Christmas Holidays, upon the Piano-forte, Singing and Thorough Bass, and will attend on Tuesdays and Fridays, if a sufficient number of Pupils be obtained for that purpose.

Mr Janes has had the advantage of receiving instructions upon the Piano-Forte for the last ten years from Mr Buck, of Norwich, both as pupil and assistant, and is permitted to make any reference to that Gentleman that may be deemed requisite.
All letters to be addressed to
Mr Janes, Ely.

December 31 1830

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January 7 1831
Isle of Ely Sessions
Wisbech, Jan. 5, 1831
The Rev. Jeremiah Jackson, Chairman

William Aungier, charged with stealing two bushels of oats and beans, the property of Mr Matthew Scott of Ely, pleaded guilty, the prisoner was also charged with stealing a quantity of horse hair, the property of Isaac Benton of Ely – Guilty: Sentence not passed.

The Grand Jury returned a true bill against Charles Fowler and Johnson Smith, charged with stealing three bodies out of the churchyard at Ely, on 6th Dec., last. (The above prisoners are the individuals who resided at Cambridge, and were apprehended in consequence of Fowler having left one of the bodies' packed up to be conveyed to London, by Messrs Marsh and Swann's Van).

The prisoners in the respective gaols of Ely and Wisbech have been supplied, through the benevolence of the High Bailiff of the Isle, with dinners and ale, the former on Christmas Day and the latter on New Years day, for which the unfortunate delinquents desire to return their thanks.

January 14 1831
At the Wisbech Quarter sessions on Thursday 6th inst., Charles Fowler and Johnson Smith were convicted of stealing a dead body from a grave in the church-yard of the parish of St Mary, at Ely, and sentenced to twelve calendar months' imprisonment. The several facts of the case, as before detailed, were proved by one or two witnesses from this town. In addition to which it was stated that the funeral of the deceased took place on 5th Dec., last; one of the prisoners was seen in Ely on the day previous, and on the following Tuesday morning, at three 'clock, both the prisoners passed through the turnpike with a donkey, and returned towards Cambridge about nine o'clock, the afternoon of which day the package was taken to Messrs marsh and Swann's office.

William Aungier – convicted of two larcenies, was sentenced to seven years transportation.

Capital Shop and Premises
At Ely
To Be Sold by Auction
By Matthew Scott
At the White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 20th January inst., between six and eight in the evening.

An excellent Dwelling-house, and Shop, situate on the north side of the Fore hill, in Ely, with Yard, two gardens, Stable, Coach House, and other Outbuildings, late in occupation of Mr James Wilks, deceased.

The premises are well-adapted for carrying on an Extensive business.

The above Estate is Copyhold of the Manors of Ely Barton and Ely Porta, and is subject to Quit-rent of 5s.2d.
Immediate Possession
May be viewed on application to Messrs Evans Archer and Evans solicitors of Ely.

Also six Acres of Fen Land, in Middle Fen, lying near the Overfall Mill.

Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Porta.
Quit rent of 8¾d
January 21 1831
Mr Editor

I feel convinced no apology is necessary in requesting you to favour me with the insertion of the following copy of a note, which has been put into my hands by the respectable overseers of a populous parish in the neighbourhood of Ely. It was picked up with several others, which has been distributed about the parish.

It affords the best practical proof of the estimation in which wicked and turbulent men are held, who would seduce the simple and ignorant, but at the same time honest labourer from his allegiance to his Sovereign, for the atrocious purpose of accomplishing the ruin and destraction of the country.

I am, Mr Editor
Your most obedient servant
Henry Fardell.
Ely Jan. 19th 1831
Copy –
"We repent of our part actions – Hang Swing. And down with Cobbett, that rascal.
Down with Cobbett, no poor man's friend
Down with, if we go all England over.
January 28 1831

February 4 1831
A petition (of which the following is a copy) is about to be presented to the two Houses of Parliament, from the city of Ely. It has the novel character of calling upon Parliament to support the King and his Ministers.

To the Right Hon. the Commons etc.
The humble petition of the undersigned inhabitants of the city of Ely,
Sheweth – That your petitioners consider the corrupt practices under which many members are returned to your honourable House to be a direct infringement upon the rights and privileges of the people; and to be attended with evils which every person interested in the maintenance of the public tranquility, and in the prosperity of the British empire, cannot but deeply deplore, and feel anxious to remove.

That your petitioners have beheld with unmixed satisfaction the accession of a Sovereign to the throne of these realms, who appears to rule only for the happiness of his subjects, and it is a source of equal gratification to them to observe a body of men called to his Majesty's counsels, who have expressed themselves desirous of laying the foundation of a good Government by correcting the abuses which, through lapse of time, and change of circumstances, have crept into the best institutions of the country in church and state, and are rapidly undermining the national resources.

Your petitioners earnestly implore your honourable House to support the laudable endeavours of the King and his Ministers for the maintenance of the public weak, and to institute such measures of substantial reform, and for the free and unbiased exercise of the elective franchise, as may be best calculated to give to every branch of the legislature its due weight and power, and to make your honourable House what it was originally designed to be, the real representation of the feelings and interests of the people.

A petition to the House of Commons against the duty of sea borne coals is now in the course of signature at Ely.

Death – on Friday last, Mr John Mendham, of Stuntney near Ely.

February 11 1831

The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden by Adjournment at the Town Hall, in Wisbech, on Wednesday 16th February, and by further Adjournment, at the Sessions House, at Ely, on Thursday 17th February inst., at Eleven o'clock forenoon of each day.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech 7th Feb., 1831

To Persons qualified to superintend
Works of Drainage
The Commissioners of Burnt Fen First District will meet at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 17th inst., at two o'clock in the afternoon, to appoint a superintendent of their Works of Drainage and Embankment: Any persons intending to apply for the situation are requested to prepare themselves with testimonials of their fitness for the Office, to be produced to the commissioners at the Meeting.
By Order of the Commissioners
Thos. Archer, Clerk

Extensive Sale of Timber
On New Barns Farm, Ely
To Be Sold by Auction. By C Legge.
On Tuesday 22 February inst., on the premises precisely at 10 o'clock forenoon.
Upwards of 150 Ash and 100 Elm Timber Trees which are very straight and of great length and girth, 2 large Willows and 50 Beech, Sicamore, Birch, Scotch and others.

N.B. The Company are requested to meet near the Great Tree, on New Barns Walk, precisely at Ten o'clock; it is proposed to sell the whole in One day.

Catalogues may be had at the Lamb Inn and of the Auctioneer, at Ely, a week before sale.

February 18 1831

Marriage – On the 25th ult., at Florence, Thomas Page, Esq., of Ely, to Susanna, eldest daughter of the Hon. Colonel De Courcy, and niece to the Right Hon. Lord Kingsale.

February 25 1831

March 4 1831

Death – On Thursday 24th ult., at Ely, after a short illness, at his fathers' house, Mr Thos. Peckett, jun aged 52.

March 11 1831

The ministerial plan of reform was cordially received at Ely. The following petition in support of the measure was signed in the course of a few hours, on Saturday, by nearly the whole of the principal inhabitants:
To the Honorable the Commons etc.
The petition of the undersigned inhabitants
of the city of Ely.
Sheweth that your petitioners view with the liveliest degree of satisfaction and delight the admirable measure proposed to be introduced by his Majesty's Ministers into your honorable House for restoring to the people their right of being fully represented in Parliament according to the spirit of the constitution. Your petitioners conceive the bill to be eminently calculated to give stability to the throne, and to secure to the other branches of the legislature their due weight and power in the administration of the affairs of this Kingdom, and above all, to give to your honourable House that identity with the interests of the people at large without which the legislature must remain estranged from feelings of sympathy for the middle and lower classes of society, and there can be no security for the good government of the country. Your petitioners earnestly implore your honorable House to receive the bill, and to pass the same into a law.

The above petition was presented to the House of Commons, on Monday last, by Mr Adeane, who, (according to the report in the Times newspaper) stated that he thought it right to take this opportunity of saying, that he entirely approved of the principle of the bill. He thought the principle of it perfectly sound. He should be wanting in candour; however, if he were not to say that he thought the bill went a little too far. However, with the opinion he entertained with regard to the principle of the bill, he should certainly give it his support up to the second reading: but, unless it underwent much alteration in the committee, he did not think it would be in his power to give it his support ultimately. The petition was read and ordered to be printed.

In the House of Lords on Monday, the Earl of Hardwicke presented petitions from Ely and Melbourn for the abolition of Negro slavery in the colonies; also a petition from Wisbech against the recovery of small debts bill.

18 March 1831

Burnt Fen First District

Notice is hereby given, that a General Half Yearly Meeting of the Commissioners of Drainage for the above District, will be held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 31st March inst., at 11 o'clock forenoon, but that for the convenience of many of the Commissioners it is intended to propose an adjournment, of which notice will be given.

Thos. Archer

Clerk to the Commissioners

Padnal and Waterden Fens

A General Meeting of the Commissioners for the Drainage of the above Fens, will be held at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Wednesday 6th April at 11 o'clock forenoon.

Thos. Archer

Clerk to the Commissioners

March 25 1831

Isle of Ely

Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle, will be holden at the Sessions House, in Ely, on Wednesday 6th April next, at ten o'clock forenoon.

The Justice's Clerks are requested to transmit their several Depositions and Recognizances to the office of the Clerk of the Peace at Wisbech, the Saturday preceding.

Hugh Jackson

Clerk of the Peace

Ely March 24th

The intelligence by the Coach on Wednesday that the reform bill was carried excited the liveliest satisfaction; the bells rung a merry peal, and at the Bell and Red Lion Inns, parties met and toasted our gracious Monarch, Lord John Russell, Lord Osborne, and the Members who supported the measure. We never recollect the reception of a measure hailed with so much satisfaction in our city.

April 1 1831

Isle of Ely Assizes

On Friday March 25th

Chief Justice Mr Serjeant Storks

One Prisoner only from Ely.

George Cuttress was indicted for stealing on 19th March, seven tame rabbits, the property of Wm. Bates of Ely. The case was clearly proved, by the prosecutor, and Mr Nighthall, who purchased the rabbits from the prisoner. Guilty – two months' imprisonment and hard labour.

April 8 1831

Death – On Wednesday last, at Ely, deeply lamented by her family and friends, Mrs Archer, the wife of Thomas Archer, Esq.

April 15 1831
Death – On Friday last, at Ely, aged 82, Mrs Dench, mother of Luke Dench, solicitor, of that city.

On the 6th inst., Esther, wife of Mr Thomas Gotobed, carpenter of Ely.
April 22 1831
April 29 1831
Isle of Ely Adjourned Sessions
Will be holden at the Sessions House, at Ely, on Thursday 5th May next, at 11 o'clock forenoon.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace

The Spring Courts of the Rev. the Dean and Chapter of Ely.
In the Isle of Ely
For the Manor of Mepal on Monday 9th May next
For the Manor of Sutton, on Tuesday 10th May next
For the Manor of Ely Porta, on Wednesday 11th May next
For the Manors of Witcham and Wentworth, Friday 13th May next
For the Manor of Witchford, on Saturday 14th May next.

Household Furniture
Glass, China, Books, Prints
Fine Old Port & Sherry Wines etc.
Ely
To Be Sold by Auction. By C Legge
On Tuesday and Wednesday the 3rd and 4th May next.
Of the Rev. Mr. King. deceased, at his late Prebendal House, in the College, at Ely.

About forty lots of Books and Pamphlets among which are the last Edition of Bentham's History of Ely Cathedral and Supplement, handsomely bound in extra Russia (books very scarce and rarely to be met with)
An excellent Harpsicord, with Two Sets of Keys, said to have been originally the favourite instrument of the celebrated Handel.
Goods may be viewed on Monday before the sale.
Each days sale will begin precisely at 11 o'clock.
May 6 1831
May 13 1831
May 20 1831
May 27 1831
Burnt Fen First District
A Meeting of the Commissioners of Drainage of the above District, will be held at the Bell Inn, Ely, on Thursday 2 June at twelve o'clock noon.
Thomas Archer, Clerk to the commissioners

Padnal and Waterden Fens
Notice is hereby given, that a Meeting of the Commissioners of the above Districts, will be holden at the Bell Inn, Ely, on Thursday 2nd June next, at 10 o'clock forenoon, and that the Commissioners will then take into their consideration the propriety of dividing the Fens into two Districts, under the powers of the Act of Parliament, and of entering into any treaties with the Commissioners of

Districts, or any other parties, for the Drainage of the whole, or any of the said Fens in common with the said Districts, or on any other plans that may be thought eligible, and will also determine the amount of Tax necessary to be assessed in the present year for the support of the works of Drainage of the said Fens.
Thos Archer
Clerk to the Commissioners.

June 3 1831

June 10 1831

June 17 1831

June 24 1831

Death – At Ely, on Saturday 18th inst., Mr Thomas Goodman, aged 70, much respected. He had been upwards of 30 years a steward in the family of Jonathan Page, Esq.

A poor man of the name of Wratten died at Ely last week. His friends wished to inter him in the same grave with his wife, who was buried in St Mary's churchyard about five months ago. On opening it, the coffin was found broken open, and the corpse gone. The feelings of the children may be better imagined than described.

Population of the city of Ely.
Taken on the 30th May last.

Ely Trinity with Stuntney	4,325	
St Mary with Chettisham	1,810	6,203
The College	68	

The numbers at the three preceding returns were

	1800	**1811**	**1821**
Ely Trinity and Stuntney	2,721	2,885	3,626
St Mary and Chettisham	1,165	1,292	1,537
The College	62	72	90
	3,948	4,249	5,253

The increase in Ely Trinity for the last 10 years	699
The increase in St Mary's	173
Total increase	872

In the College there is a slight decrease

In the Ely Trinity the inhabited houses are 843, occupied by 911 families; of these 110 families are entirely in agriculture, 327 in trade, and 427 coming under the head "other classes," the males are 2,121, the females 2,204; of the males 999 have attained their majority, and 1,122 are minors, - the 999 are employed as follows:-

34	Farmers employing labourers
14	Ditto not
122	Agricultural Labourers
4	In making machinery
380	Traders
60	Professions and Gentlemen
242	General Labourers
31	Disabled or Diseased
12	Servants
999	

Out of the 2204 females, 158 are servants.
There are two houses building and 25 unoccupied.

July 1 1831
Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions
Wisbech, Wednesday, 29th
Rev. William Hardwicke, M.A. chairman

Richard Hart, of Ely, labourer, stood charged with having entered into the stable and premises in the occupation of James Barrett, in the parish of Holy Trinity, in Ely, with an intent to steal two hen fowls, and one tame rabbit, the property of James Barrett.
Verdict returned of not guilty.

Richard Hart stood further charged with having on the night of 4th May last, entered the stable and premises of Mr Wright, cutler, with an intent to commit a felony.
Sentenced to two calendar months' imprisonment at Wisbech and to be kept to hard labour.

Forehill, Ely, 1831
Mr Trigg returns his best thanks to his friends for their liberal support, assures them that every exertion shall be continued to merit their approbation, and respectfully informs them and the public, that his pupils will resume their studies on Monday 18th July.
July 8 1831
July 15 1831
To Contractors
New Bridge over the River Ouse at Ely

Persons willing to contract for the Building of a New Timber Bridge, upon the site of the present Bridge over the river Ouse, at Ely: and of a temporary Bridge for Carriages etc. near the same, and for removing the present Bridge; may see the Plan and specification of the intended Works, at the office of Mr. Dyson, Civil Engineer, at Downham Market, Norfolk: and at the Office of Messrs Evans Archer & Evans, Ely.

Sealed Tenders for the completion of the work to be delivered or sent (free of postage) on or before 22nd July inst., to Mr Hugh Robert Evans, Ely.

The work to be completed before the end of October next.

Good security will be required for the completion of the works according to the Contract.
July 22 1831
July 29 1831
Death – On Friday last, at Ely, Mr. Wm. Porter, gardener.
August 5 1831
Isle of Ely Assizes
Opened on Monday 1st August at the Shire Hall, Wisbech. Only one prisoner from Ely.

James Taylor, aged 27, was charged with having maliciously cut down and destroyed eleven young fruit trees, the property of William Hitch of Ely. After a short trial the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.
August 12 1831
Abstract of the Accounts of the Treasurers of the Isle of Ely, to 13th July 1831, passed and allowed at a Special Sessions of the Peace, holden at March, in and for the said Isle, on 13th July 1831.

Receipt	£	S	D
By Balance of last accounts	741	12	11
Isle Rates	2493	1	0
The Treasurer of Cambridge, a moiety of Contribution Money paid for prisoners in the Fleet, Kings Bench & Marshalsea Prisons.	5	0	0
Amount of fines received under convictions for assaults under 9. Geo IV.cap 31	8	9	6
Amount of ditto for breach of alehouse licenses	13	10	0

Amount of ditto under Beer Act 1st William IV cap. 64	10	2	3
Amount of ditto for false and deficient weights and balances	20	10	0
Amount of ditto for deficient measures	19	5	0
The Honourable Corporation of Bedford Level, their proportion of the expences on indicting the bridge over Middle Fen Drain near Ely, and of erecting a new bridge	199	5	3
The Trustees of the Cambridge and Ely Turnpike Road their proportion of ditto	25	0	0
The commissioners of Middle Fen District, their proportion of ditto	83	6	8
Balance due to Treasurers	132	10	10¼
	£3751	13	5¼

Expenditure	£	S	D
Paid for conveying Vagrants and Offenders to Gaol, relieving poor travellers, and charges of pursuing felons.	229	14	9
Prosecution orders for Assizes and Sessions	937	1	11
Expences of Gaol And House of Correction	843	18	4¾
Repairs of Shire halls and ditto, and for Insurance	60	11	5
Contribution Money for Prisoners in the Fleet, Kings Bench and Marshalsea Prisons	10	0	0
Treasurers Salaries	60	0	0
Clerk of the peace, Clerk of Assize and the Magistrate's Clerk for general Business	240	17	2
Contingent Bills a Assizes, Sessions, and Petty Sessions	20	10	0
Coroners' Accounts (two years)	146	7	9
Salaries to the Receivers of Assize Returns	33	10	0
Ditto to High Constables and others and for their incidental expences	141	13	3
Printing and Stationers Bills	32	10	4
Repairing Bridges	591	2	7
Conveying felons to the Hulks	66	0	0
Allowance to Inspector of weights and Measures	16	2	0
Expences on erecting a Tread-Wheel in the House of Correction, Ely	153	16	0
Payments to the Miller of the Tread-Mill at wisbech	4	1	10
Sundry incidental expences not included under the aforegoing heads	163	16	0½
	£3751	13	5¼

August 19 1831

Death – On Saturday last, at Ely, the infant daughter of William Harlock Esq.

A Melancholy accident happened at Ely on the 11th inst. A lad of the name of John Adams, apprentice to Mr Houshold, a carpenter, was ordered between 9 and 10 o'clock in the evening to close the window shutters; while out of doors doing so a fellow workman of the name of Jerrold passed; Adams followed him and jumped upon his back; the sudden weight pulled both down, Adams of course undermost, he groaned heavily but never spoke.

He was taken into a public-house and died in a few minutes. An inquest was afterwards held and the head opened, which was found to contain a quantity of extravesated blood on the brain. Not the slightest blame can be attributed to Jerrold.

Mr Hill of Tottenham-court-road, the organ builder, is now employed, by the Dean and Chapter, in putting up a new organ in Ely Cathedral; it is expected to be completed in three weeks.

The erection of a new bridge over the Ouze, at Ely, is, we hear, for the present postponed. We trust ere long that the Dean and Chapter, the Turnpike Trustees, and the Drainage and navigation commissioners, will unite and erect one that will be useful and beneficial to all parties.

On Monday last a person on a wheat-stack, in the farm-yard of Mr D. Jones, at Downham, in the Isle, was requested to drop the pitching fork on a load of wheat, which another labourer had then drove up to be unloaded; by some accident the fork missed the load and entered the back of the man to a considerable depth; medical aid was sent for, and we are happy to find he is going on well.

August 26 1831

Marriage – On Wednesday last, at Chettisham Chapel (by the Rev. G. Millers), the Rev. William Tilden, second son of the late John Tilden Esq., of Ifield Court, Kent, to Mary, daughter of the late William Layton Esq., of Wood-house, near Ely.

Death – on Friday last, in the 87th year of his age much esteemed by all who knew him, Francis Bagge, Esq., for many years High Bailiff and in the Commission of the peace for the Isle of Ely, and a Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Cambridge.

September 2 1831

September 9 1831

September 16 1831

Death – On Tuesday last, Mr William Soutbey, many years a gardener at Ely.

The coronation was celebrated at Ely with every demonstration of loyalty. The bells rang at intervals during the day. The staff of the Cambridgeshire Militia assembled at noon, and fired a feu-de-joie on the Palace Green, and a procession, headed by the band and colours of the regiment, afterwards paraded the principal streets. The poor were supplied with a comfortable dinner at their own houses, and appeared lively participators in the general joy. The illuminations did great credit to the taste and loyalty of the inhabitants. Mr Apsey's house is deserving or particular notice. All the windows in its commanding front exhibited some appropriate device of transparency; the windows at the extremities of the second floor, had the words "King William" and "Queen Adelaide", the former on a blue, and the latter on a pink ground, and the center window the insignia of the Order of the Garter. The windows on the other floors displayed a crown and cushion, harp, rose, shamrock, and thistle, and an anchor, and there was an outer illumination of a large brilliant crown in the centre of the building. The tout ensemble had a very striking appearance, and was the subject of general admiration for unity of design and correctness of execution. Mr Marshall displayed a national flag worthy of being transferred to the turrets of Windsor Castle.

The festivities of the day closed with an exhibition of fire-works in sufficient profusion to evince that the youths of the town are liberal patrons of the pyrotechnic art, as well as warm admirers of their King and Queen.

September 23 1831

Ely – A petition to the House of Lords in support of the reform Bill, has been signed by nearly all of the principal inhabitants of this city; and was presented on Tuesday by Earl Grey.

The works about to be erected under the South Level River Act will not render it necessary to stop the navigation of the rivers on Monday.

An awful instance of sudden death occurred at Ely on Friday last – Dennis Holmes, an aged man, was walking up New Barns, when he suddenly fell, and before medical aid could be procured the

vital spark had fled. An inquest was afterwards held upon view of the body, and from the evidence of the surgeon it appears he died from apoplexy. The deceased was well known around this neighbourhood as the leader of Mr Page's horse – 19 sovereigns and some silver were found in his pocket. He was a widower, and considered very poor. The money has been delivered to his three children, who were sent for from a distance.

On the 15th inst., Mr B. Stimson was elected assistant overseer of the parish of Ely Trinity, with a salary of £100 a year. There were 18 candidates, but only two (Mr G. Turner, of Ely, and Mr Lutt of Chatteris) stood the contest.

September 30 1831

Burnt Fen First District

A General Meeting of the Commissioners of Drainage of the above District, will be held at the Red Lion Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 6th October next, at Eleven o'clock forenoon.
Thos Archer
Clerk to the Commissioners.

Turnpike Road – Leading from Cambridge to Ely and from thence to Soham etc., called the "South District".

In pursuance of a Requisition from three of the Trustees' Notice is hereby given, that the General Annual Meeting of the Trustees will be holden a the Club Inn, in Ely, on Friday 28th October next, at eleven o'clock forenoon, and at the said meeting New Trustees will be chosen to supply the Vacancies in the said Trust occasioned by the death or otherwise.
H. R. Evans, Clerk.

Turnpike Road, leading from the Lamb corner, in Ely, to Chequer corner in Downham, Norfolk, called the "North District": - A General Annual Meeting will be held at the Lamb Inn, Ely, on Saturday 29th October next. New Trustees will be chosen to supply the Vacancies occasioned by death or otherwise.
H. R. Evans, Clerk

October 7 1831

Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at the Sessions House in Ely, on Wednesday 19th October inst., at Ten o'clock forenoon, at which hour the Chair will be taken, and all Jurors, Constables, parties bound by recognizance, are require to give their attendance accordingly.

The Justices' Clerks are requested to transmit their several depositions and recognizances to the office of the Clerk of the Peace, at Wisbech, the Saturday preceding.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech.

General Printing Office
Ely
Thos A. Hills, begs most respectfully to inform the Clergy, Gentry, and Inhabitants of Ely, and its vicinity that he has commenced business as a Printer and Bookbinder; he assures them that all orders entrusted to him shall be executed with neatness, and accuracy and despatch, and hopes by strict attention to merit a share of public patronage.

Lithographic and Copperplate Printing Executed.
October 14 1831
October 21 1831
Valuable Estates – At Ely and Stuntney
And Manor of Stuntney
To Be Sold by Auction, by Matthew Scott.
At the White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 10 November, between three and five in the afternoon.
A very Valuable Property in the City of Ely, and the Stuntney Hall Estate, situate at Stuntney, about a mile from Ely, on the turnpike road to Newmarket, with the Manor of Stuntney, and all its Manorial Rights and Appurtenances, late the property of Francis Bagge, Esq., deceased.

The Estate at Ely consists of a capital messuage with Coach-house, Stable, Granaries, Brewhouse, etc. walled-in Garden, with Summer House and Green-house, well planted choice fruit trees, late the residence of Francis Bagge, Esq. with four cottages adjoining.

The Stuntney Hall Estate, consists of a capital messuage, (being the Manor House of Stuntney) with Barn, Granary, Stable and agricultural buildings, Yard Garden and Orchard and 141 acres (more of less) of excellent Arable and rich Pasture Land adjoining, pleasantly situated on the turnpike road to Newmarket and commanding a beautiful view of Ely and surrounding country.

Also the Manor of Stuntney, with the Manorial Rights, Quit-rents, Fines and Appurtenances, and extensive Rights of Fishing and Sporting.

The Estate in Ely is Copyhold.

The Stuntney Hall Estate is wholly Freehold, and offers a most desirable situation for residence and investment.

Particulars may be had from J.T. Dering Esq., Crowe Hall or H. J. Nicholls Esq., Wisbech, the Trustees for sale, or at the office of Messrs Girdlestone, Wing and Jackson, solicitors, Wisbech, and at the principal inns at Ely, Cambridge, and Newmarket.
October 28 1831
November 4 1831
November 11 1831
Death – On Monday last, Mrs Hardman, of Ely, widow, in the 81st year of her age.
November 18 1831
Isle of Ely – Adjourned Sessions.
The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden by Adjournment, at the Sessions House, Ely, on Thursday 24th November, inst., at eleven o'clock forenoon.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech.
November 25 1831
December 2 1831
Death – Yesterday at Ely, after a long affliction, in the 55th year of his age, Mr John Pond, formerly a Boatwright of that city, but had retired from business a few years.

On the 22nd ult., after a sudden illness, aged 15, Eliza, third daughter of Mr Joseph Little, of Oxlode, near Ely.

The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden by further adjournment at the Sessions House in Ely, on Thursday 8th December next, at eleven o'clock forenoon.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace.

December 9 1831
December 16 1831
December 23 1831
December 30 1831

January 6 1832

Boarding School Fore Hill, Ely
Mr W. Trigg, with gratitude to his friends for the liberal patronage he has received, respectfully informs them and the public that the duties of the School will be resumed on Monday 16th January.

The prisoners in the gaol at Ely, and those in the House of Correction at Wisbech, return thanks to the High Bailiff of the Isle for a hot comfortable dinner, with a pint of ale, to the former on Christmas Day, and to the latter on New Year's Day.
January 13 1832
January 20 1832
January 27 1832
February 3 1832
Death on Thursday 26 ult., at Ely, after a few days illness, aged 32, Mary Ann, wife of Mr J. W. Bidewell, and relict of Mr. Thos Hattersley, leaving her husband and five children to lament the loss of a most kind and affectionate wife and mother.

Mr Janes Organist of Ely Cathedral Begs to inform the Nobility and Gentry of Cambridge and its vicinity that he will resume his Teaching on the Piano-Forte, Singing and Thorough Bass, at the above place, on Friday February 3rd.

All letters to be addressed to Mr. Janes, Ely (post paid).
February 10 1832
Burnt Fen First District
A Meeting of the Commissioners of the above District will be held at the Bell Inn, Ely, on Thursday 16th February inst., at eleven o'clock forenoon.
Thos. Archer
Clerk to the Commissioners.
February 17 1832
Death – On Monday last, aged 67, Mrs Simson, widow, miller and baker, of Ely.
February 24 1832
Death – On Friday last, at Ely, Mr Lavender Rayner, an eminent farmer and grazier, aged 58.
March 2 1832
Isle of Ely
The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden by adjournment at the Town Hall, in Wisbech St Peter's, on Thursday 8th March inst., at Eleven o'clock forenoon.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace
March 9 1832
To Carpenters, Wheelwrights, Millwrights, Boatwrights,
Timber Merchants etc.
Extensive Sale of Most Excellent Ash,
Elm, Poplar, and other Timber
On New Barns Farm, Ely.
To be Sold by Auction, by C. Legge and Son.
On Monday and Tuesday 26th & 27th March, precisely at ten o'clock each day.

Upwards of 250 Ash, 160 Elms several Poplar, Chestnut, Sicamore, Acacia and others.

Recently cut down and are now lying in the further Spinney near High Flyer Hall; the two Spinnies next New Barns Walk and in several Closes.

The New Barn Farm is a short distance from Ely, and conveniently situated either for Land or Water Carriage, being about a mile from the River Ouze.

Credit will be given on approved joint security until 1st December next.

The Company are requested to meet on first day in the furthest Spinney, near High Flyer Hall, and on the second day, by the Chestnut Trees at the entrance of New Barns Walk.

Refreshments Provided for the Company.

Isle of Ely – Adjourned Sessions.
The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle, will be holden by further adjournment at the Sessions House, in Ely, on Thursday 15th March inst., at eleven o'clock forenoon.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace
March 16 1832
March 23 1832
Isle of Ely
Notice is hereby given, that a General Sessions of Pleas, Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery, will be holden at Ely, in and for the said Isle, on Thursday 29th March inst.
Dated 16 March 1832
William Watson, Esq.,
Chief Bailiff of the said Isle

The Cholera at Ely
We much regret to say that the cholera Morbus is now raging at Ely. We have been favoured with the following official account, signed by the medical gentlemen of Ely.
Ely Wednesday Evening
March 21 1832
On Saturday morning last, the 17th inst. Joseph Layton, a labourer, went to his threshing as usual, (he had had slight diarrhoea the evening before), whilst there he was taken ill and returned home between eight and nine o'clock, a.m. Having been put to bed, medical assistance was procured, and such means used as were thought advisable, without effect; reaction never took place and he died at eleven o'clock p.m.

The symptoms and appearances struck all the medical attendants as corresponding with those described of the Spasmodic Cholera; which opinion was confirmed by the post mortem examination made on Monday morning last.

They were further confirmed by the occurrence of five other cases, on the same day; of these four died before 9 o'clock p.m. Three additional cases of rather a milder character occurred in the course of that night (Monday). Today (Wednesday) there have been three cases of diarrhoea. Yesterday (Tuesday) the post mortem examination took place of one of the cases that died on Monday. It fully agreed with the appearances exhibited in the first case which was examined. Upon the strictest enquiry we have not been able to trace the cause to anything like contagion; indeed the progress of the disease had satisfactorily proved (as far as it at present goes) in the opinion of all the medical gentlemen of the town, that it is not contagious.
Signed by Five Surgeons

Thursday morning, 11 o'clock

Since writing the above, we have had another case of malignant cholera.

In addition to the above, we have been enabled to procure the following substance of a communication to the Board of Health in this town, (Cambridge) made by Dr. W. Holt Yates, yesterday morning, who has seen the disease in London as well as abroad, and who visited Ely on Tuesday last. He confirms the account given in the communication which we have received from the medial gentlemen, with whom Dr. Y. visited the cases. His conviction is that the disease as it occurs in Ely corresponds exactly with that in London, and differs from the Asiatic Cholera only in degree. It therefore confirms the accounts which have hitherto been sent from other parts of England.

He considers that the disease is certainly not a new one, but that the season, and condition of the poor being peculiarly favourable to Cholera, it has been not only more prevalent, but more severe. It is his firm conviction, as well as that of the other medical attendants, that it is not contagious; but that it depends entirely upon local causes, which are sufficiently powerful to interfere with health. All those attacked are in distress, live chiefly on potatoes and bread and seldom taste animal food, they are not too well lodged or clothed, and they live in the low part of the town near the river. The disease seems at present confined to two streets, in which there are several nuisances which might be removed, viz. stagnant pools of water, sundry processes of animal and vegetable decomposition, to say nothing of the common sewers, which in more than one instance are open to the atmosphere, and cannot tend to improve its salubrity. Dr. Y. alluded in his report to ten cases, five of them proved fatal, two of which were men of seventy years of age, the other three were children – the youngest 15 months old, the eldest 5 years. The average period of illness was 12 hours from the attack. The youngest infant died in 10½ hours, and in the case of the children there was no medical advice sought, and nothing administered but tea.

The other cases were doing well at eleven o'clock of Wednesday forenoon, when Dr. Y. left Ely.

On Friday evening last an eloquent address was delivered at Ely, by George Thompson, Esq., one of the Agents for the Anti-Slavery Society, in the Countess of Huntingdons' chapel, offered for the occasion by the minister. A great deal of interest was excited, and an association is likely to be formed.

March 30 1832

Ely Thursday morning March 29

The Cholera Morbus within the last two or three days has not much extended its direful effects in this town, but there was one very malignant new case occurred about nine o'clock this morning; it is said to be the worst that has been yet witnessed here. The person attacked is a female about twenty-five years of age.

The total number of cases in this city is 23, deaths nine.

The cholera having made its appearance at Ely the Magistrates of the Isle have deemed it advisable to hold the ensuing Easter Quarter Sessions at Wisbech, on the 4th April, instead of Ely, as usual in the spring of the year.

City of Ely – Board of Health

March 27 1832

The attention of the Board having been directed to a Letter inserted in the Cambridge Independent Press of Saturday last, signed "A Enemy to Quackery", and reflecting on the conduct of the members of the Medical Profession in this Town, relative to the Disease which has recently appeared here.

Resolved – That those Gentlemen, in communicating the fact of the disease having broken out, discharged a duty which they owed to the Inhabitants of the Town and to the Public, and acted in compliance with the commands of the orders in council, and which they were bound to obey under pain of being declared guilty of a misdemeanour and of being subject to penalites, and that in the opinion of the Board they have treated the cases under their care with much skill and judgement, and shown every degree of kindness and attention to the unhappy sufferers.

Resolved also – That the Board, having instituted inquiries into the subject, are satisfied that the statements of the letter alluded to, of the origin of the illness of the lad Gotobed, are utterly destitute of foundation.

Ordered – That copies of the above Resolutions be inserted in the Cambridge Chronicle, and Bury Post.

The following affidavit has been made relative to Gotobed's case:-

"John Gotobed, of Ely, fisherman, deposeth on oath, that his son Paul Gotobed, who was twelve years of age, was taken suddenly ill on Thursday morning last, and died last night; that he was at home the whole of the day previously to his illness (being the Fast Day), and was in perfect health; that he worked with this deponent in West Fen on the two preceding days; and that the statement which has been inserted in the Cambridge Independent Press Newspaper, of his son being engaged in snipe shooting, and getting drunk shortly before his illness, is wholly untrue; that the hands and wrists, and face of his son were of a very dark colour, during the whole of his illness.

"The Mark X of John Gotobed
"Sworn before me, at Ely aforesaid
this 27th day of March, 1832
"J. Page."

"By an Order of the Council dated 28th February last every Practitioner of Medicine is required and commanded to make a daily Report of persons affected with cholera, or with any other disease in any wise resembling the same, and the Order warns such practitioners that if they shall omit to make such returns of shall wilfully make nay false statement, the penalties and punishments consequent upon any disobedience to the Order, and to the provisions of the Cholera Act of Parliament, will be forthwith enforced against him.

April 6 1832

Death – Yesterday at Ely, in the 24th year of her age, Mrs S. S. Button, after an illness of nearly two years.

Isle of Ely Assizes held at Wisbech on March 30.
Full report on page four.
No Prisoners from Ely.

Sentence of death recorded on James Allen, farmer of Wisbech, for breaking into dwelling house of Richard Brummitt and stealing £9.10, and a silver watch.

It is with feelings of deep regret we learn that the Cholera is assuming a more malignant aspect at Ely. By the official report issued Wednesday, it appeared that on that day there were two new cases and ten remaining, making a total of 39 cases and 19 deaths, from the commencement of the disease on the 17th March. One man, who was accompanying a gang of lighters to Lynn, was taken ill, and died shortly after his arrival at Littleport on Sunday night. The landlord of the Ferry public-house at Southery was also taken ill the same day, and died in the course of the night.

It was stated by the Board of Health on Tuesday, that they are in possession of information which fully warrents them in stating that the report of the disease having appeared at Lynn and Wisbech are unfounded.

Yesterday morning (Thursday) there was one case of malignant cholera at Ely. Every person we believe eight in number) reported since Saturday, with the exception of one individual, has died.

At a Vestry meeting held yesterday for the parish of Ely Trinity, which was attended by nearly 100 parishioners, resolutions were unanimously passed in support of the proceedings of the Board of Health, and approving the conduct of the Medical Practitioners in reporting the first appearance of the Cholera Morbus (See Adv.) Resolutions of a contrary tendency were proposed, but abandoned.

The vestry of the parish of St Mary have also passed a resolution in furtherance of the objects of the Board.

The Rev. H. Law, rector of Downham, near Ely, has given directions for the supply of any of the labouring poor at Downham who may be afflicted with Cholera with medical assistance, and all other necessaries, at his expence. He has also engaged to abandon the right to tithes for any land let to the poor.

A very steady man named Sindal, in the employ of Messrs. Harlock, brewers, of Ely, was rolling a barrel of beer into a boat on Monday, when he slipped off the plank into the water, and the cask falling upon him, he died within two hours. He has left a widow and four children to deplore his loss.

April 13 1832

We are authorized to state that in consequence of the continuance of the Cholera morbus at Ely, and its increased virulence, within the last few days a meeting of the Members of the Board, resident in London, was convened to be held yesterday at the Fen Office, to consider what course of proceeding should be adopted with regard to the annual meeting of the Board and the Corporation, at Ely, on Wednesday and Thursday next.

Cholera at Ely

It is with extreme concern we have to announce, that the grievous malady now raging at Ely, has rapidly extended itself since our last publication. In the middle of last week, the disease appeared to be gradually subsiding, there being only 4 new cases from Wednesday morning to Friday night. On Saturday morning, however, a fresh alarm was created by the occurrence of 9 cases in various parts of the town, and on the 3 following days, 49 individuals were attacked, of whom 18 have died.

The Board of Health have strongly urged the inhabitants to avoid any unnecessary communication with the sick, and have pointed out the necessity of the early burial of the dead, and of fumigating the infected houses. They appear to consider the disease to be of a contagious character, in which, we understand, they are fortified by the opinion of an eminent physician who has visited several of the patients, they notice, that several individuals in a family have been attacked in succession, that persons who have come from a distance to attend the funerals of relatives have taken the disease and died, and that mourners and bearers at funeral have also been attacked. One has lost his wife and 3 children, and is himself now labouring under the disease.

An inmate in the house is also dead, and on Tuesday the melancholy spectacle was exhibited at the interment of five bodies from the same house. A widow woman had 3 children taken ill on Sunday, and it is remarkable, that the child who was first seized, went into a cottage the preceding day to see a person who was ill with the disease, and was herself attacked a few hours afterwards, and died in about 10 hours.

A hearty young person, a dress maker, who went from Sutton to attend the funeral of a relation, dined with the other attendants at 1 o'clock on Sunday, was taken ill at 3, and died before 10; and a sister of hers, who visited her before her death, has since been attacked. Another woman, who visited a sick daughter, and went from Wicken for that purpose, was seized with the complaint, and returned to Wicken and died. Two bearers and a mourner, who attended the same funeral, have been taken ill. The disease seems to have raged with great virulence on Sunday. Drs. Haviland, Thackeray and Bond, and Mr Abbott, attended from Cambridge, and very kindly rendered every assistance in their power to the unhappy sufferers, and afterwards had a conference with the Board of Health. One of them stated, that he had witnessed more scenes of horror and misery in one hour, than in the whole course of his professional experience. It was properly observed by them, that the assembling of bodies of persons in the houses of the sick, was extremely injudicious; and one of them stated, that 30 or 40 persons had collected in a house where there were several patients, and had occasioned the medical men much inconvenience in administering to the sick. The High Sheriff, who is chairman to the Board of Health, is unremitting in his attention to the duties of the office, and to the preservation of the public health. The other members of the Board are the Minor Canons of the Cathedral, and 12 of the principal inhabitants. We are happy to have it in our power to add, that the town appears to be getting gradually into a more healthy state.

There were 12 new cases on Monday 14 on Tuesday, and 4 on Wednesday. Yesterday there were but two cases before 11 o'clock, and 1 death. The total number of cases on Wednesday, was 103, and 40 deaths. It is an extraordinary fact, that one of the men who was attacked with the disease last week, said jeeringly to a medical gentleman as he was passing him in the street on Friday, "Doctor, can't you give me the Cholera; they say you carry it in your pocket." The man was seized with the disease on Saturday, and died in a few hours.

The following are the daily reports issued by the Board of Health.

			New Cases	Dead	Recovered
Previously reported			40	20	12
Friday	April	6	1	1	2
Saturday	"	7	9	1	2
Sunday	"	8	23	7	0
Monday	"	9	12	7	3
Tuesday	"	10	14	3	6
Wednesday	"	11	4	1	3
Thursday	"	12	2	1	4

On Tuesday the 3rd inst. James English, clerk to Messrs. Evans, Archer and Evans, solicitors of Ely, absconded with nearly £40 the property of his employers. One of the firm having got some intelligence of his route, immediately set off for Bury, and made application to Caney, the Police-officer, who soon found out that a man of the description of the clerk had dined that day at the Hare and Hounds but had left that inn for the Greyhounds, to be ready for the London mail that night, where Caney apprehended him in bed, and he was conveyed to Ely, and fully committed for trial at the ensuing sessions. The prisoner is 66 years of age.

April 20 1832

Isle of Ely – The general April meeting of the Bedford Level Corporation was held yesterday at the Shire Hall Ely. In consequence of the Cholera Morbus being at Ely, only two members of the Board attended viz. - R. G. Townley, Esq. M. P. and Jonathan Page Esq. These gentlemen not forming a number sufficient to constitute a board for business, the election of officers was postponed until Whitsun meeting, as also the Sale of the lands for non-payment of taxes.

Not above three of the Commonalty were in attendance

Cholera at Ely
The Cholera still lingers at Ely, but there have been few fresh cases this week, and the number of patients now ill does not exceed 10 or 12.

Some persons we find have been attacked under circumstances which tend to confirm the suspicions entertained of the contagious nature of the disease. Two of the nurses were taken ill on Saturday, one of whom died, and another was attacked on Wednesday morning, and died in the course of the following night. A woman who went from Witcham to Ely a few days since, was attacked with the disease after her return to Witcham and died. Great precaution was properly taken to prevent infection, and no other case has occurred in the village. Prompt medical assistance appears to be of the utmost importance in attacks of this dreadful disease; and we understand the faculty at Ely have used the lancet with the best effects where the blood retained its circulation. In severe attacks, however, it frequently becomes stagnant in a short time. We have heard of a curate of a village, who has recently got instructed in the use of the lancet, and we think the example worthy of imitation. In this disease, and in others, where it is necessary to promote the circulation of the blood, lives may be saved which would otherwise be sacrificed through the absence of a medial practitioner. A few cases of Cholera have occurred in villages near Ely, and on other borders of Huntingdonshire: and it is a little singular that the disease should be pursuing its course in a north and north-westerly direction as in its route from Sunderland.

We do not hear of a single case to the south or east of Ely, except of the woman from Witcham, who took the disease at Ely.

The following are the daily reports of the Board of Health since our last publication; and we hope next week to be able to announce the gratifying intelligence that the town of Ely no longer remains on the list of infected places.

			New Cases	Dead	Recovered
Previously reported			105	41	34
Friday	April	13	3	1	3
Saturday	"	14	4	2	7
Sunday	"	15	4	2	5
Monday	"	16	2	1	3
Tuesday	"	17	0	0	5
Wednesday	"	18	1	1	3
Thursday	"	19	2	1	4
From the commencement			121	49	64

Remaining April 19 – 11 cases

We regret to add two severe cases occurred after Wednesday's report was made, and one death.
April 27 1832
We are highly gratified in being able to state that the Cholera has nearly disappeared from Ely.

At eleven o'clock yesterday two patients only remained, and from the account we have received it is highly probable the town is now altogether free from the disease. We sincerely congratulate the inhabitants on the termination of the affliction, and we trust the trade of the town will speedily be restored to its former channels.

There have been 132 cases, and 52 deaths since the commencement of the disease.

Padnal and Waterden Fens.
A Meeting of the Commissioners of the said Fens, will be held by Adjournment at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 10th of May next, at eleven o'clock forenoon.
Thomas Archer

Clerk to the Commissioners.

May 4 1832

Cholera at Ely

We regret, after the report we inserted last week, that we are unable to announce the entire disappearance of the disease at Ely. On Saturday last all the patients had recovered, but the cold east wind of that day and Sunday produced several more cases.

The report issued on Wednesday afternoon announced five cases remaining that day and one death. Total from commencement, 138 cases 53 deaths.

May 11 1832

Ely Wednesday – There have been no new cases of Cholera at this place since Sunday, on which day three new cases and one death were reported, but the disease appears to be rapidly spreading itself in the villages to the Northward of us. We hear there are 8 or 10 cases and 3 deaths at Coveney, Wardyhill, and Witcham. Mrs Thompson, of Mepal the wife of a respectable tradesman, died of the disease on Thursday.

One case occurred on Saturday on the banks of the Lark, six miles from hence.

From information recently obtained there appears every reason to suppose that we shall be able to trace the first case at Ely to a direct communication with Sunderland.

May 18 1832

May 25 1832

Ely, May 23rd

It is with very great satisfaction we announce that the Cholera has entirely disappeared from this town: the report from the Board of Health this day presenting a "clean bill".

There have been 146 cases from the commencement of the disease on 17th March, and 59 deaths.

We sincerely hope that the town will no longer suffer from the effects of the panic which has been caused by the disease but that the trading interests will be restored to their wonted state.

A subscription has been entered into amongst the poor of the town to present Dr Stevens with a piece of plate for his kindness and attention during the late alarming illness. The sum raised was ten pounds, with which a silver cup has been presented to him. It bears the following inscription:
Presented by the poor of Ely to
Dr Robert Stevens.
"In grateful remembrance of his unwearied exertions to their recovery and comfort during the fatal epidemic in 1832.

Ely Public Charities – A large meeting of the poor inhabitants was held at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Saturday last, Mr W Claxton, in the chair – resolutions were passed relative to the objects, and a petition adopted to the Lord Chancellor, to be presented to him by R. G. Townley, Esq., M.P. The petition has received 400 signatures.

June 1 1832

Death – On Saturday last, at Ely, after a lingering illness, aged 55 years, Mrs Freeman, relict of Mr. W. Freeman, and only daughter of Mr. W. Newell of that place.

On Wednesday last, at Ely, much respected, Mr Wm. Badger, in the 50th year of his age. He has left a widow and six children to lament the loss of a kind and indulgent husband and father.

A very handsome subscription has been entered into at this place, to which the Bishop and the Dean

and Chapter have contributed most liberally, for the purpose of defraying all the expences incurred by the awful visitation of Cholera with which this City has been afflicted. By this means the tradesmen and others in the town who have already suffered severely, will be relieved from the burden of an additional parochial rate for the purpose. The amount subscribed is about £400, of which the Bishop and Dean and Chapter have contribute about half – see adv.

City of Ely – Board of Health May 30, 1832.
A Report was made by the Medical Gentlemen in attendance this day, that they have now no cases of Cholera under their care; and the Town may be considered perfectly free from the Disorder.

A Statement of the Subscriptions raised to defray the expences incurred by the Board since its appointment, together with a statement of the Disbursements, was also laid before the Board, from which it appears, that the Subscriptions are adequate to the discharge of every demand upon the Board; and that it will be unnecessary to defray any portion of the Expences by a parochial rate.

Resolved, that the above Minutes will be inserted in the Cambridge Chronicle and the Bury Post.
George Millers, Chairman.

June 8 1832

June 15 1832

June 22 1832

Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at the Sessions House, in Ely, on Wednesday 4th July next at ten o'clock forenoon, at which hour the chair will be taken
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace.

June 29 1832

July 6 1832

Marriage – On Wednesday last, at Ely, (by the Rev. G. Millers. M.A.) Mr James Murray, of Shoreditch London, to Harriet, eldest daughter of Mr Wilks, miller, of the former place.

Isle of Ely Sessions, Ely, July 4
Before the Rev. George Jenyns, chairman, Rev. H. Fardell, Rev. J. Griffith, Rev. G. Millers, R. Orton, Esq. and J. Page Esq.

James English indicted for embezzling certain monies the property of Mr Archer, Solicitor, of Ely, pleaded guilty. The prosecutor made a feeling appeal for mercy. Sentence deferred.

July 13 1832

Quarter Sessions continued
Nine months imprisonment for James English.

Samuel Coy, of Stretham, for embezzling money the property of the overseers of Stretham – to be transported for seven years.

George White, convicted of rescuing horses taken in distress at Wisbech – fined one shilling and to be imprisoned at Ely and kept to hard labour for six weeks.

July 20 1832

Death – On Thursday the 12th inst., at Ely, after a long and lingering decline, which she bore with christian fortitude, aged 42, Elizabeth, the beloved wife of John Goodbody, drover and salesman of Ely.

Last week at Ely, of Cholera, aged 37, Jeremiah Cuttriss, son of Mr J Cuttriss, farmer, of Ely, leaving a wife and eleven children.

Ely July 18

We are happy to say the "Butterly Company" have contracted with the Dean and Chapter of Ely, for the erection of an iron bridge over the River at Ely.

The gardens of Mr Archer, solicitor, who has recently purchased the premises belonging to the late Francis Bagge, Esq., were entered on Monday night last by some villians, and fruit trees broken and destroyed, as well as shrubs, flowers, garden seats etc., torn up. Several loose characters have been apprehended, but nothing has yet come out to warrant a committal.

No motive can be assigned for such a wanton and atrocious outrage. We hope in our next to be able to state the parties committing it are discovered; we are assured it will give the utmost satisfaction to every respectable person in the town.

July 27 1832

Cholera – We feel great pleasure in being able to state, on authority that may be relied upon, that there is great reason to hope that this malignant disease has entirely ceased at Ely as there has been only one case within the last fortnight, and the whole Town was never known to be in a more healthy state than it is at this time.

August 3 1832

Death – On Thursday 26th ult., Miss Ann Fussey, after a few hours illness; and on Sunday last, her mother Mrs Elizabeth Fussey, both of Ely.

The Assizes for the Isle of Ely commence at Ely on Monday next. The calendar is exceedingly light, there being only one prisoner in Ely gaol. Viz., James Smalley, for stealing wearing apparel at Whittlesea.

August 10 1832

Isle of Ely Assizes Aug 6. 1832

Before Henry Storkes Esq., Chief Justice, and the Rev. H. Fardell, Rev. George Jenyns, J. Page Esq., and Rev. J Griffith.

Prisoner

James Smalley (24) indicted for stealing wearing apparel from the house of Isaac Grounds, victualler, of Whittlesea.

Sentenced to transportation for seven years.

August 17 1832

Death – On Monday last, after a short illness Mr Thomas Palmer, gardener, of Ely, leaving a wife and five children to mourn the loss of an affectionate father and husband.

August 24 1832

John Thurlow Dering Esq., of Crow Hall, Norfolk, and Henry James Nicholls, Esq. of Wisbech, Cambs, executors of Francis Bagge, Esq., late of Ely, have, by the hands of Christopher Pemberton, Esq., Paid the Treasurer of Addenbrooke's Hospital the sum of one hundred pounds to the charity by said late Francis Bagge. Esq.

August 31 1832

September 7 1832

September 14 1832

To Wheelwrights, Carpenters, Coachmakers and Others.
Ely
To Be Sold by Auction,
By C. Legge and Son.

On Wednesday, 19th September inst., on the Premises, situate in Cow Lane, St Mary's Parish.
All the new and truly valuable Stock-in-Trade of Mr Matthew Hills, wheelwright, deceased, also Working tools, and a very large Ash Tree perfectly sound and several Ash and Willow Trees.

The sale will begin precisely at one o'clock and on account of the great number of Lots the Auctioneers hope to be favoured with an early attendance.

Death – on Thursday 6th inst., Jane, the youngest daughter of Mr. Dench, Solicitor, of Ely, in the 19th year of her age.

Cambridgeshire Election – The Isle of Ely
We understand that Capt. Yorke's canvass through the Isle has been such as to leave no doubt whatever of his complete success.

A knowledge of this accounts for the bickerings of some of the hot headed Radicals against the wiser part of their late friends, who think things may go a little too far, and prefer being represented by a talented member of a noble and philanthropic family, resident in the county, and whose interests are blended with the prosperity of the county, rather than by a stranger whose name is hardly known, and was not known at all before the election.

September 21 1832
Burnt Fen First District
Notice is hereby given, that a General half-yearly Meeting of the Commissioners of the above district, will be held at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 4th October next at 12 o'clock at noon.
Thomas Archer
Clerk to the Commissioners
September 28 1832
Marriage – Yesterday at Ely, (by the Rev. Philip Durham) Charles Witt, Esq., of Spring Gardens, London, to Caroline, daughter of George Hall Esq., of the former place.
October 5 1832
Ely – All Persons who stand indebted to the Partnership Concern lately subsisting between John Pond and John Cross of Ely, Merchants, are required forthwith to pay the amount of their respective debts to Mr John Cross, at his office in Ely. And all Persons who have any claim upon the said Co-Partnership Concern, are requested to forward the particulars thereof to Mr. Cross as aforesaid, that the same may be examined and discharged.
Ely October 4 1832
October 12 1832
Turnpike Road, leading from the Lamb Corner in Ely, to the Chequer Corner in Downham, Norfolk, called the "North District".

Notice is hereby given, that the General Annual Meeting of the Trustees will be holden at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Saturday 27th October next at eleven o'clock forenoon, and at the said Meeting New Trustees will be chosen to supply the vacancies occasioned by death or otherwise.
H. R. Evans, Clerk

Turnpike Road – Leading from Cambridge to Ely and from thence to Soham, called the "South District". Notice is hereby given that The General Annual Meeting of the Trustees will be holden at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Tuesday 30th October at eleven o'clock forenoon, and at the said Meeting New Trustees will be chosen to supply the vacancies occasioned by death or otherwise.
H. R. Evans, Clerk.

Isle of Ely – The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the isle, will be holden at the Sessions House, in Ely, on Wednesday 17 Oct, inst,. at Ten o'clock forenoon at which hour the chair will be taken; and all Jurors, constables and Parties bound by recognizance are required to give their attendance accordingly.

The Justices Clerks are requested to transmit their several Depositions and Recognizances to the Office of the Clerk of the Peace, at Wisbech, on the Saturday preceding.
H. R. Jackson
Clerk of the Peace

Marriage – On Tuesday last, at Ely (by the Rev. Philip Durham), Mr Janes, Organist of Ely Cathedral, to Ann, fourth daughter of the late Seth Bull, Esq.

Littleport and Downham District
The General Half-early Meeting of the Commissioners will be held at the Bell Inn in Ely, on Wednesday, 3rd October inst., at Eleven o'clock forenoon.
Wm. Marshall
Clerk to the Commissioners

October 19 1832

The General Quarter Sessions for the Isle, were held at Ely, on Wednesday, before the Rev. H Fardell, chairman; and other magistrates.
No prisoners from Ely for trial.
One appeal case between parish of Downham and Welches Dam which was quashed.

October 26 1832

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant George Cole, of Ely, gentleman, to be Ensign and Assistant Surgeon in the Cambridgeshire Militia.

The Lord Bishop of Ely has been pleased to appoint Mr Hugh Robert Evans the younger, of Ely, one of the coroners for the Isle of Ely, on the resignation of his father.

Ely New Bridge – Caution to Watermen
Three persons have been lately fined for wilfully damaging the works now in progress for the erection of a new bridge over the River Ouse at Ely; and it is hoped that the example will prevent similar occurences in future.

November 2 1832

November 9 1832

November 16 1832

On Monday last the first piles of the new works at Denver Sluice were driven by Messrs. Thornton (the contractors), of St Helen's, near Liverpool.

Although we have here a nightly watch, our city has been during the last few weeks the scene of nightly depredations to a great extent. The gardens of Mrs. Waddington, Mr Sibley, potter, Mr Lutt, schoolmaster (twice), Mr Luke Cornwell, and Mr Roads (baker), have been entered and the grapes stolen. In addition to this, the villains out for a length of 40 feet the vines of Mr Cornwell, who had only taken possession of his garden the day before. Two boys were detected on their second visit to Mr Lutt's and have been sent for six months' hard labour. The windows of Mr Kempton, tailor, Market hill, were smashed a few nights since, three persons were apprehended, one was convicted and sentenced to six months' hard labour in default of paying a fine of £5.

On Saturday night the windows of Mr. Laws, waterman, Mr Shackle, Mr Henry Rickwood, and Mr John Rickwood, all in Broad Street, were broken. At Mr Rickwoods' the brick thrown through the window struck a looking glass and shattered it to pieces. Mr Thos. Willson, farmer, had his lodge broken open, and about 20 fowls stolen; Mr Roads, baker, also has lost about 20; Mr Dix, churchwarden, lost four, and two live hares which he kept in the garden. A pane of glass was taken out of the shop window of Mrs. Rayner, High street, last evening, and a quantity of shoes and other goods within reach taken away.

A melancholy accident occurred on Saturday last, the son of Mr. James Lee, who lives in Padnal, was rowing a small boat, with a youth of the name of Houghton, of Isleham. The boat unfortunately struck a lighter and immediately went down, and before assistance could be obtained both perished. An inquest was held on Monday, before H. R. Evans jun., Esq., coroner, and a verdict of accidental death returned.

Another inquest was held before the same coroner on Tuesday last, on the body of a fine young woman, the wife of Robert Larry Harlock, of Ely, who was found drowned in the river below Ely Bridge. It appears the deceased had received considerable ill treatment from her husband, although they have been married only three months; in consequence of which she had been heard to express her determination to destroy herself.
The verdict of the jury was, found drowned.

November 23 1832

November 30 1832

December 7 1832

The General Quarter Sessions for the Isle of Ely, will be holden by Adjournment at the Town hall Wisbech, on Wednesday 12th December, also at the Sessions House in Ely, on Thursday 13th Dec. at Eleven o'clock each day.

December 14 1832

December 21 1832

Padnal and Waterden Fens
Payment of Taxes.

Notice is hereby given that the Padnal and Waterden Commissioners acting under an Act of Parliament passed for improving the drainage of part of the South Level of the Fens, have duly assessed the Fen Lands and Low Grounds lying in Padnal and Waterden aforesaid, with a Tax of One shilling per acre, and so in proportion for any less quantity than an acre; and that the said tax will become payable under the said Act on the first day of January next, and is directed by the said Commissioners to be paid to their Collector, Mr Wm. Marshall, at his office in Ely; And Notice is hereby also given, that every person liable to the payment of the said tax, and failing to pay the same to the Collector within twenty-eight days after the said first day of January, will forfeit and be required to pay by way of penalty, for every such admission, the sum of three shillings and fourpence for every twenty shillings due for tax, and so in proportion for any less sum.
Dated 8th December 1832
Thos. Archer
Clerk to the commissioners.

December 28 1832

1833

January 4 1833
The prisoners in the gaol at Ely and House of Correction at Wisbech, return their grateful thanks to the High Bailiff of the Isle for their dinner, with a pint of ale each, which he gave, to the former on Christmas Day, and the latter on New Year's Day.

Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions
Wisbech Jan 2. 1833
Before the Rev. Jeremiah Jackson, Chairman, who addressed the Grand Jury at some length into the state and effect of the poor laws, and after stating the inefficiency of the numerous schemes which had been devised for remedying the evil, recommended them to turn their serious attention to the important question, and to add as much as possible to the stock of general information now required by the legislature.

William Kendall, labourer, of Chatteris, charged as an incorrigible rogue, having three times deserted his wife and three children, and left them chargeable to the parish. Three months imprisonment at Wisbech with hard labour.

Elizabeth Brown, of Ely, pleaded guilty to the charge of having stolen two pieces of print from Mr. Butcher, draper, of Ely. John Ellis, constable of Ely, spoke to her previous good character, the prosecutor also recommended mercy.
One month's imprisonment at Ely.

William Green, William Porter, John Taylor, Simon Easy, and Thomas Ellingham, of Littleport, charged with having, on 18th November last, assaulted Thomas Taylor, constable of Littleport, whilst in the discharge of his duty – a verdict of guilty was immediately returned on all prisoners.

Joseph Vincent and John Easy were charged with an assault on the said Thomas Taylor and Robert Thornhill, constables of Littleport, on 25 Dec. last. After some consideration the jury returned a verdict of guilty – Green in the former case, and Vincent in this sentenced to one year's imprisonment with hard labour, in consequence of having been before convicted of a similar offence. The other five prisoners to six months each and hard labour.

Henry Curtis, charged with having stolen, on Nov. 2 1830 from the person of Thomas Wright, at Manea, a £5 note, 3 sovereigns, 3 half crowns, and 3 shillings and sixpence,
Verdict guilty –Seven years transportation.

John Chapman, brewer, Wisbech, charged with an assault on George Hunt of Upwell. The jury almost immediately returned a verdict of guilt – sentenced to pay a fine of 20s to the King, and imprisonment for one calendar month.

Classical and Commercial School
Ely
Mr. W. Trigg, grateful for the very liberal patronage with which he has been favoured, returns his sincere thanks to his Friends, and assures them it will be his constant study to merit their confidence. He respectfully announces that the duties of his School, will be Resumed on Monday 21st instant.
Fore Hill January 2nd 1833.

January 11 1833
January 18 1833
Death – On Thursday last the 10th inst., at Ely, Mr Robert Fuller, many years a respectable tradesman of that city.
January 25 1833
February 1 1833
Death – On Saturday last, at Ely, much respected, aged 85 years, Mr. Wm. Newell, who for upwards of 50 years filled the situation of gardener at the Deanery; and father of Mr. Wm. Newell, of Silver Street, in this town.

The operations of the new bridge at Ely, are suspended until March. Travellers cannot be too cautious in approaching and crossing the temporary floating bridge.
February 8 1833
Ely, Feb.6
We understand the paragraph inserted in last weeks newspaper respecting the temporary bridge at Ely, (and which we copied from another newspaper) is altogether a misrepresentation. The bridge is perfectly secure, and may be used at any time without risk; nor is it true that the works at the new bridge are discontinued till the month of March.

We cannot omit the present opportunity of stating the liberal conduct of the Rev. E. B. Sparke, rector of Littleport, towards the poor of that extensive parish, by a distribution of meat and clothing to them during their severe visitation of the cholera, and the extreme handsome manner he has come forward, by a large subscription, towards the necessary expences incurred by that awful visitation.

A petition praying for a repeal of the assessed taxes has been signed here and forwarded by Mr Claxton, solicitor to Mr Cobbett for presentation to the House of Commons. Why it was not sent to one of our county members the petitioners are at a loss to imagine, at all events many of the petitioners are extremely indignant at its being sent to that individual.

About 100 Electors at Littleport sat down to an excellent dinner on Tuesday last, to celebrate the return of Capt. Yorke. The day passed off very pleasantly.

Vote for the Bedford Level Corporation
Valuable Fen Farm
Grunty Fen Near Ely.
To Be Sold by Auction. By C Legge and Son.
At the Red Lion Inn, Ely, on Thursday next 14 February inst., between the hours of Six and Eight in the evening.
In One Lot
A Valuable Freehold Farm, consisting of One Hundred Acres of excellent Land, situate in Grunty Fen, and within a short distance of the Turnpike road leading from Ely to Stretham, now in the occupation of Messrs. Granger & Waddelow.

This valuable property gives a qualification to vote for the Bedford Level Corporation.
Possession at Lady Day next
Further particulars apply to Messrs. Evans, Archer and Evans, solicitors Ely.

City of Ely
At a meeting of the Inhabitant Householders held at the Lamb Inn, on Wednesday 6th February 1833

Thomas Spooner, Esq., in the Chair
The following Resolution was entered into:
It appearing that a Petition from some Inhabitants of Ely for the Repeal of the assessed Taxes is about to be presented to Parliament , and has been entrusted to the charge of Mr Cobbett, the member for Oldham; Resolved, That this Meeting regrets that such a proceeding should have taken place without a public Meeting being convened and that the course taken in placing the Petition in the hands of Mr Cobbett is calculated to convey an erroneous impression of the political sentiments of the Inhabitants of Ely, in general, and manifests a want of proper respect for the members for this County, to whom, in the opinion of this meeting, Petitions to the House of Commons ought to be confided.
Thomas Spooner, Chairman.

February 15 1833

Burnt Fen First District
Payment of Taxes
Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of the said District did, at an Adjourned Half-yearly Meeting, held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 12 April, 1832, assess all the Lands in the said District (except such as lie beyond the Cross Bank) with a tax of One Shilling and Sixpence per Acre, and a gradual Acre-Tax not exceeding One Shilling and Sixpence per Acre, and a further gradual Acre Tax not exceeding Three Shillings per Acre, and that the said several Taxes have been ordered by the said Commissioners, to be paid to me as their receiver, at my Office in Ely within this present month of February – And Notice is hereby also given, that any person liable to the payment of the said Rates and Taxes, and omitting to pay the same to me for twenty days after 28 February, will forfeit and be required to pay to the Commissioners, by way of Penalty for such omission, the sum of Three Shillings and Fourpence for every Twenty Shillings of the said Rates and Taxes which shall be so in arrear and unpaid, and so in proportion for any sum less than twenty shillings.
Dated 4th February, 1833
Thos. Archer
Clerk and Receiver to the said Commissioners

February 22 1833

A female named Elizabeth Reynolds, of Haddenham, has been committed to Ely gaol, on suspicion of having murdered her infant natural child.

March 1 1833

March 8 1833

Marriage – yesterday at Hockwold, Norfolk, (by the Rev. H. Fardell, Prebendary of Ely) the Rev. Edward Bowyer Sparke, rector of Feltwell, second son of the Lord Bishop of Ely to Catharine Maria, only daughter of the Rev. Wm. Newcome, of Hockwold Hall.

Death – On Saturday last, at Ely, aged 78, Mrs Humphreys formerly of Trumpington near Cambridge.

March 15 1833

Burnt Fen First District
Notice is hereby given, that a General Half-yearly Meeting of the Commissioners acting in execution of the several Acts of Parliament now in force relating to the above District, will be held a the Lamb Inn, Ely, on Thursday 28th March inst., at Twelve o'clock noon, pursuant to the directions of the said Acts.
Dated 11th day of March, 1933
Thomas Archer
Clerk to the Commissioners

Padnal and Waterden Fens
Notice is hereby given, that the General Meeting of the Commissioners of the above Fens, will be held at the Bell Inn, Ely, on Wednesday 3rd April next, at Eleven o'clock forenoon.

Dated eleventh March, 1833
Thomas Archer
Clerk to the Commissioners

March 22 1833

Isle of Ely – The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle, will be held by Adjournment at the Sessions House, Ely on Thursday 28th March inst., at Eleven o'clock forenoon.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech

The Commission of assize will be opened at Ely tomorrow, but the Chief Justice will not proceed to business till Monday morning at ten o'clock punctually.

There are 16 prisoners for trial, - 7 for larceny, 2 for burglary, 1 for horse stealing, 1 for killing a sheep with intent to steal, 1 for breaking open a stable and stealing therefrom, 1 ditto, for stealing from a shop, 1 for receiving goods knowing them to be stolen. 1 for concealing the birth of a child, 1 for stealing the carcase of a sheep.

March 29 1833

Isle of Ely Assizes at Ely

The Commission was opened on Saturday evening. The Chief Justice (Sergeant Storke) attended divine service on Sunday at the Cathedral, where an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. M. Taylor curate of Coveney.

At ten o'clock on Monday the Chief Justice proceeded to business and the following gentlemen were sworn in on the Grand Jury

John Fryer, Esq., Chairman

Thomas Spooner, Esq.	Thomas Johnson, Gent
William Apsey, Esq.	Edward Loomes, Gent
Wm. Martin, Esq.	Rd. Baxter, Gent
Geo. Hall, Esq.	Thomas Dawbarn, Gent
Thos Drage, Esq.	Wm. Grounds, Gent
J. C. Dunn, Esq.	Charles Jecks, Gent
Wm. Layton, Esq.	Henry Skeels, Gent
Wm. Jellings, Esq.	Henry Morton, Gent
W. E. Read, Gent	William Brown, Gent
Wm. Martin, Wilburton, Gent	Thomas Pidcock, Gent
Wm. Golding, Gent	Charles Kingston, Gent

The learned Judge, in his charge, observed, from the intelligence of the gentleman of the Grand Jury, it would be useless to detain them from the discharge of their duties by any lengthened remarks.

The number of the cases in the calendar was large, but not marked by any crime of enormity.

He was happy to say that this part of His Majesty's dominions was free from crimes of atrocity, such as incendiarism and other midnight crimes, which too unhappily prevailed in Ireland, and where all law seemed to be trampled under foot. Let the lower orders be treated with care and kindness, they will be happy and contented, and crime will consequently decrease.

He wished to make known that transportation, where many imagined they had nothing to do and could have their enjoyments, was completely altered, no ticket of leave of absence or commutation of punishment was now given.

After shortly adverting to the disgraceful practice of constables stopping at beer-shops with their prisoners, his Lordship observed that if any case was brought before him where that had been done, he would inflict fine and imprisonment upon the party.

Prisoners

Wm. Shelton (27) indicted for stealing from the dwelling house of Abraham Dobson, of Tidd St Giles, blacksmith, two silver watches, a pocket pistol and a leather apron, on 13th April last. Verdict, guilty, but as this was a first offence, was sentenced to 12 month's imprisonment and hard labour.

William Foshett (53) and George Smith otherwise John Allen (30) were indicted for stealing from William Coleman, farmer, Ringstead, Northampton, one mare, his property. Smith guilty, transported for life, Foshett acquitted.

James Lawson (17) indicted for stealing a pair of boots from the shop of Mr. Johnson, cordwainer of Wisbech, on 28 Nov. last, and Joseph Plant (47) for receiving the same knowing them to be stolen. Lawson pleaded guilty, Plant pleaded not guilty. Verdict – guilty, Plant sentenced to transportation for 14 years. Lawson, six months imprisonment and hard labour.

Spinks Claypole, James Claypole, and John Claypole, indicted for stealing one shearling ewe sheep the property of Robt. West, farmer of Newton, on 17th Jan., last. The Jury found Spinks Claypole and John Claypole guilty – transportation for life, James Claypole – not guilty.

Tuesday

John Pringle, indicted for stealing from Messrs Boyce, farmers, of Whittlesea, a plough-share, their property. – guilty, three month's imprisonment at Ely.

Jeremiah Pratt stood indicted for stealing five batteirs and one three-inch deal from Francis Drake, of Whittlesea in November last, and Wm. Whyman, indicted for receiving same. Jury found Pratt guilty - three months imprisonment and hard labour. Whyman - not guilty.

Elizabeth Reynolds indicted for concealing the birth of a female child, of which she had been delivered at Haddenham six weeks before Christmas. Three month's imprisonment at Ely.

John Allen, indicted for breaking and entering the shop of Wm. Cooper, grocer of Wisbech, on 18th Feb. last, and stealing therefrom one cheese, some tobacco and other goods. The case was clear – seven years transportation.

John Harvey indicted for stealing a piece of beef from Mr. Place, of Wisbech, butcher, on 12th Jan. Last. Guilty – one month's imprisonment and hard labour.

James Read, indicted for breaking and entering the house of Wm. Bradshaw, at Sutton 23rd Nov. last, and stealing part of a pack of cards, some tobacco and other articles. These articles were found upon the prisoner, and James Custance, the Constable, found the prisoner in a chaff house within 60 yards of prosecutors premises – verdict guilty. The prosecutor recommended mercy, but a sentence of death was recorded.

Mary Dewey –indicted for stealing from Mr. John Cole, landlord of the Club Inn, Ely, one glass. Verdict not guilty.

Thomas Slipper, indicted for stealing a sheep at Chatteris, on 7th January last, the property of Mr. Robert Clarke, found guilty, and sentence of death recorded.

Daniel Wayman, indicted for stealing several articles from the dwelling house of Jonathan Brown, Chatteris on 20th January last, guilty transported for life.

This case closed the Assizes.

Daring Robbery – On Tuesday night last, a burglary of the most daring description was perpetrated at Ely, at the dwelling house of an opulent gentleman, Mr Wm. Lavendon, of Ely St Mary's. The thieves took off half of the shutter, and by taking out a pane of glass, succeeded in opening the window, at which they entered, and proceeded to a room in which was a bureau. This they absolutely took from the room, undid the front door, and carried the bureau into a close on the other side of the way, where it was broken open, and £300, in gold and notes taken out of it. Very fortunately a private drawer escaped their notice, in which were notes to the amount of £900. The police were very active during Wednesday in endeavouring to discover the perpetrators. What makes the case extraordinary is, that there is a nightly watch, who pass round the house and close to it, or should do, several times in the course of the night.

Two persons John Shelton and Thomas Garner, are in custody.

April 5 1833

April 12 1833

Death – on 4th ult., at Ely, Mr. Robert Genn, aged 73.

The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely were holden at Ely on Wednesday last, before the Rev. Henry Fardell, chairman; Rev. Dr. French, Rev. A Peyton, Rev. Geo. Millers, Jonathan Page Esq., Thomas Page Esq., and others.

Prisoners – only 2 connected with Ely.

James Taylor the younger, Henry Feast, Wm. Feast, Robert Haylock, for an assault upon Edward Stevens, one of the overseers of the parish of Ely Trinity, on the 21st March last, whilst in the execution of his duty. The case against Taylor was clear; he was found guilty, the other prisoners not guilty. Taylor sentenced to six month's imprisonment and hard labour, at Wisbech.

Thomas Fenn pleaded guilty to an assault upon Isaac Taylor, of Ely, on 20th March last – sentenced to two months imprisonment and hard labour at Wisbech.

Burnt Fen First District

Notice if hereby given, that a Meeting of the Commissioners acting in execution of the several Acts of Parliament now in force relating to the above District, will be held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 25th April inst., at Twelve o'clock noon pursuant to the directions of the said Acts.

Thomas Archer

Clerk to the Commissioners

Ely, April 8th 1833

April 19 1833

The new and handsome iron bridge over the Ouze, at Ely, will be opened for carriages this day.

April 26 1833

Marriage – On Monday last, at Ely, Mr. J Cross, grocer, to Miss Marshall, daughter of W. Marshall, Esq., solicitor, of the same place.

April 19 1833

The Lord Bishop of Ely's General Ordination will be holden in London, on Sunday, 9th June next. – Candidates for Holy Orders are desired to transmit the requisite Papers to his Lordship, at Ely House, Dover St., London, on or before the 13th day of May next, when they will receive notice of the day of examination.

May 3 1833

The Spring Courts of the Rev. the Dean and Chapter of Ely, will be holden as under:-

In the Isle of Ely

For the Manor of Mepal, on Monday 13th May next

For the Manor of Sutton, on Tuesday 14th May next

For the Manor of Ely Porta, on Wednesday 15th May next

For the Manors of Witcham and Wentworth, on Friday 17th May

For the Manor of Witchford, on Saturday, 18th May next.

May 10 1833

May 17 1833

A most melancholy accident has occurred at Downham near Ely, by the fall of a tree, which has killed three children, and broken the thigh of a fourth in two places. We shall give further particulars next week.

Burnt Fen First District

A Meeting of the Commissioners of Drainage will be held, by Adjournment, at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 23rd inst., at 12 o'clock noon.
Thos. Archer
Clerk to the Commissioners

May 24 1833

May 31 1833

Inquests – On Thursday 16th inst., inquests were held at Downham in the Isle of Ely, before H. R. Evans, jun., Esq. one of the coroners for the Isle, on view of the bodies of Hannah Barrett, Wm. Bradshaw, and Matthew Suckings, three poor children who were killed by the sudden fall of an oak tree on the preceding evening.

It appeared in evidence that a man of the name of Hall had engaged to take down the tree, which had stood for many years in the principal street at Downham, and he commenced his business on that evening. It was his intention to get his work so far done that night as to enable him by resuming his labour at daybreak next morning to fell the tree before people were moving about. The roots of the tree, however, proved so much decayed (the sap not being entirely gone) that it suddenly fell, without one moment's warning, killing in its fall the three children. There were at the time not less than twenty to thirty people, principally children, standing near it, several of whom were more or less bruised or injured, and one lad had his thigh broken, but he is now doing well. The jury expressed themselves quite satisfied that no blame could attach to Hall, who was very must affected during the inquests – Verdicts accordingly.

Mr Thomas Jarman, gardener, of Ely, cut from his Asparagus bed, during the week, one head of the enormous weight of six and a half ounces.

May 31 1833

Bail Court – A rule was applied for, calling on an old gentleman in the Isle of Ely, to shew cause why a certiorari should not be issued to bring into this court the depositions under which Elizabeth Seymour was committed to Ely gaol for burglary, and also to admit the prisoner to bail. The prisoner had been housekeeper to the old gentleman for twenty-one years; he had always had the most unbounded confidence in her; she had the whole control and management of his house, and of his pecuniary concerns, and she declared her innocence of the charge imputed to her; she stated also that the house was broken open by some person, and about £300. worth of property stolen, and that although she was committed for the offence, she had reason to believe that he master was very unwilling to prosecute her, but that his nephews were opposed to her from the great influence which they believed she possessed over him – His Lordship granted a rule nisi.

June 7 1833

Bail Court – In our last we noticed an application for a Rule nisi to show cause why Elizabeth Seymour, a prisoner in the gaol of Ely, on suspicion of robbing the house of Mr. Wm. Lavender, her master, should not be bailed out, and for a certiorari to be directed to the committing magistrate to return the examinations, depositions, etc. to this court.

On Tuesday last, Mr Andrews rose to shew cause, and began by expressing his surprise that the prisoner was not in court under a writ of habeas corpus; he observed that the affidavit of her solicitor, went to shew that her circumstances were such as would not enable her to be at the expence of herself and four sureties to be brought there, although he noticed in her own affidavit that her master had some short time since made her a present of a sum of money.

The learned counsel was stopped by Mr. Justice Taunton, who ordered the depositions, etc., to be read.

After reading about 22 or 23 depositions and examinations, his Lordship stopped the officer, when Mr Andrews rose to make further observations, but he was prevented by his Lordship saying that he had attentively listened to the deposition, and that he thought it a case that was bailable, and ordered

that on the prisoner putting in bail herself in £100 and four sufficient sureties in £25 each before any one Justice for the Isle of Ely, for her appearance to answer the charge at the assizes, she should be released from custody. Mr Pryme said he was prepared with several affidavits as to character, but as the Judge had made the above order, they were not read.
Rule absolute.

Downham Isle of Ely
To Be Sold by Auction
By Elliot Smith & Son
In the course of the present month of June
A very good Farm House, with convenient Out-buildings, as now occupied by Mr. W Green.
The Red Lion, a Public House, as now occupied by Mr Charles Green.
An excellent Garden and Orchard situate in Cannon Street, containing about One Acre.
A Close of very rich Pasture Ground lying next West Fen Drove and containing Two Acres.
Eight Acres of Arable Land, lying dispersed in the fields of Downham.
Also Seventy Acres of superior Fen Land lying in convenient parcels.
Further particulars enquire of Mr. F. J. Gunning, Solicitor, and of Elliot Smith & Son, Cambridge.

June 14 1833

Isle of Ely – Adjourned Sessions will be holden at the Town Hall in Wisbech, on Saturday 15th June at Eleven o'clock forenoon.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace

Turnpike Road Leading form the Lamb Corner in Ely, to the Chequer Corner in Downham Norfolk, called "the North District".
In pursuance of a Requisition from two of the Trustees of the said Turnpike Road. Notice is hereby given, that a Special Meeting of the said Trustees will be holden at the club Inn, in Ely, aforesaid, on Saturday 29th June inst., at Eleven o'clock forenoon, on general Business.
Dated 8th June 1833
H. R. Evans Clerk
Wisbech June 18, 1833

June 21 1833

Burnt Fen First District
A Meeting of the Commissioners of Drainage for the above District will be held at the White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 27th June inst., at Twelve o'clock noon, to consider the report of Mr Glynn on the state of the Steam Engine, and on general Business.
Thos. Archer
Clerk to the Commissioners

Isle of Ely – General Quarter Sessions of the Peace will be holden at the Sessions house Wisbech on Wednesday 3rd July next, at Ten o'clock forenoon at which hour the chair will be taken.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech

June 28 1833

July 5 1833

Isle of Ely Sessions Wisbech July 3rd
Before the Rev. H. Fardell, and other magistrates.
Prisoners:-

George Cuttriss, of Ely, was charged with stealing a quantity of apples, the property of Frances Lupson, in Dec. last – verdict not guilty.

John Briggs – charged with stealing a jacket and handkerchief, the property of Samuel Butler, Wentworth, guilty – one month's imprisonment.

William Hunt, of Ely, indicted for stealing a great coat etc., from a lighter on the river, the property of Thomas Brown.

Guilty seven years' transportation.

July 12 1833

Isle of Ely Sessions continued – Wisbech July 4th.

George Cuttriss, who was found not guilty of breaking into the apple chamber and stealing apples from Frances Lupson of Ely, was arraigned for forcibly entering with intent to rob, etc., and found guilty – 3 month's imprisonment.

Charles Brown of Ely, sawyer, charged with stealing from John Cole of the Club Inn, Ely, on Sept. 20th last, 1 tent, bedstead, and 2 elbow chairs – guilty – 3 months imprisonment.

Classical and Commercial School
Ely

Mr. W. Trigg returns his sincere thanks to his friends for the very liberal patronage he has received from them, and respectfully announces that the present Vacation will terminate on Monday, 22nd inst.

Fore Hill, July 11th 1833

A Half-Boarder Wanted.

July 19 1833

To Be Let For a Term of Years
With Possession at Michaelmas

The Plantation Farm, in Burnt Fen, in the Isle of Ely, consisting altogether of 668 Acres of good Arable, Pasture, Fen, and Wood Land, with House, Barn, Stables, and Granary, Lodges and other suitable Outhouses, besidge Cottages for labourers.

Great part of the Farm is Tithe free.

It may be taken either with or without the Right of Sporting over the Estate.

For Rent and further particulars apply, if by letter, post paid, to Mr. T. H. Robinson, solicitor, 17, Westgate Street, Bury St. Edmunds.

July 26 1833

Isle of Ely – On Monday the foundation was laid of a new steam engine of 35 horses power, now in course of erection in the First District, in March. The engine is from the Butterly works, in Derbyshire, from whence other drainage engines of superior power and workmanship have been furnished to several of the South Level Districts. The contractor for the building is Mr. Freeman, of Ely, who is under a heavy penalty to have it ready to receive the engine by the 10th September next. It is expected that in a few years a wind engine for drainage will be a rare sight in the Great Level of the Fens.

The improvements in the several outfalls by the operation of the Eau Brink Cut, and several other works consequent thereto, will stimulate the respective owners and occupiers of lands within the Level, to have to recourse to other more certain assistance than that to be derived from the elements.

Ely – To Wheelwrights, Coachmakers,
Boatwrights, Carpenters, Farmers, and others
40 Tran of Spokes
15 Ditto of 6 in. Felloes
15 Ditto of 4 in. "
30 pair of Naves, Axletrees, Reeves, Poles; a great number of Elm Boards and Planks, and 4 in. Oak Planks, suited for Boatwrights, Cart Sides, etc.

To Be Sold by Auction – by M. Scott.
On Thursday 1st August next, at the Ship Inn Yard, Waterside, Ely.
2½ per cent Discount for Ready Money, and Three months' credit for all bargains above £5, on approved joint security.
The Lots may be seen any time previous to Sale, in the Ship Inn Yard.
To commence at Four o'clock in the afternoon.

August 2 1833

Death – On Sunday last, at Ely, after a long and painfull illness, endured with christian fortitude and pious resignation, aged 28, Hannah, the wife of Mr. Christopher Legge the younger, and on the Saturday before, William, her infant son.

Abstract of the Accounts of the Treasurers of the Isle of Ely, to the 1st day of July 1833, passed and allowed at a Special Sessions of the Peace holden at March, in and for the said Isle, on the said 1st July, 1833.

Receipt	£	S	D
Balance of last account	1871	0	10¼
Isle rates	2493	1	0
The Treasurer of Cambridge, a moiety of contribution Money paid for Prisoners in the Fleet, Kings Bench, and Marshalsea Prisons	5	0	0
Amount of Fines received under Convictions for assaults under 9m.Geo.4.cap.31	4	5	0
Amount of ditto under Beer Act, 1st Will.4.cap.64	3	10	0
Amount of sale of Registers under Reform Act	31	10	0
	£4408	6	10¼

Expenditure	£	S	D
To Expences of conveying Vagrants and Offenders to Gaol, relieving poor Travellers and Charges of pursuing Felons	223	13	9
Prosecution Orders for Assizes & Sessions	897	3	9
Expences of Gaol & House of Correction	1052	18	10
Repairs of shire Halls and ditto, and for insurance	175	19	6
Contribution money for Prisoners in the Fleet Kings Bench and Marshalsea Prisons	10	0	0
Treasurers' Salaries	60	0	0
Clerk of the Peace, Clerk of Assize and the Magistrates Clerks for general business	223	18	4
Contingent Bills at Assizes Sessions and Petty Sessions	23	11	4
Coroners' Accounts	93	8	0
Salaries to Receivers of Assize Returns	33	10	0
Ditto to High Constables and others, and for their incidental expences	204	16	0
Printing, Advertising, Stationers Bills, Stamps and Postages	10	19	2
Repairing Bridges	17	18	3
Expences of conveying Felons to the Hulks	140	0	0
Militia Account			6
Expences of the Tread-mill at Wisbech	2	2	6
Clerk of the Peaces' Bill, and Account of Expences under the reform and Boundary Acts, and printing Registers of votes	288	19	2

Incidental Expences	123	3	0½
Arrears of Rates	214	3	2
Balance due to Isle	612	1	10¼
	£4408	6	10¼

August 9 1833
August 16 1833
Isle of Ely Assizes
Wisbech August 8th
The Commission opened this morning at 12 o'clock but the Chief Justice did not arrive until the following morning when he attended divine service at eleven o'clock, an excellent sermon was preached by the rev. Henry Jackson, curate of St. Mary's. The following gentlemen were sworn on the Grand Jury.

Joseph Marshall, Esq. foreman.

Henry Haynes Esq.	Geo. Augustus Schultz Esq.
Daniel Fryer Esq.	Joseph Taylor, Gent
Robert Francis Pate, Mercht.	Wright Crane, Gent
Abraham Usill, Gent	Joseph Beakley jun. Gent
Charles Jecks, Merchant	Robert Martin Layton, Gent
Peter Thompson, gent	Samuel Jealous, Gent
Benjamin Vipan Esq.,	Abraham Wyatt, Gent
William Dow, Gent	Stephen Stanton, Gent
William Thorpe, Gent	Joseph Smith, Gent

His Lordship addressed the grand Jury as follows:-

The station which you fill in life, will, I have no doubt, lead you to discharge the duties you are called upon to fulfil with the greatest satisfaction and fidelity. Few are the topics upon which I shall address you, and in your general duty it is needless to instruct you. The lightness of the calendar, I am happy to say, affords me but little opportunity; this may be partly imputed to the diminution of crime. but the laborious exertions also of your magistrates at the late sessions have likewise tended to decrease the number of cases. On a few general points I am anxious to address you. A commission has lately been instituted to survey the criminal law; it is composed of men of enlightened understanding and benevolent feeling; and I doubt not we shall have some wise result too to boast of , - a code of enactments as perfect and satisfactory in its construction as justice may demand or humanity desire.

Since I last addressed you, transportation has undergone a considerable revision. The Home Department has formed a scale of punishment adapted to the extent and particular crime of the culprit, and I wish to express upon all who hear me, that punishment in transportation is not merely a separation from their native land; it is now a system of unrelenting severity – no hope of mercy – no appeal for relief;- it is a period of unmitigated misery. An alteration has taken place within the last few years which has made a great revolution in our national criminality; I wish I could say great improvement; and while I hold the high situation I now do amongst you, I will raise my voice against the curse which I consider the Legislature, in an incautious and unguarded moment, yielding too easy to the public feeling, brought upon the nation in the establishment of the beer-houses.

Throughout the circuit I have diligently inquired of those who have made great observation upon their effect, and the same undeviating answer has attended it; that they are the poison of the land. Within those houses are sacrificed the domestic happiness of the cottager - his morals debased – his national character degraded; and those arrangements are made that bring him to a disgraceful and ignominious end. I shall abstain from any general remarks upon the calendar; you have only to

consider whether there is sufficient evidence to put the case upon trial without any reference as to what may be the result or punishment of the accused.

Thomas Taylor, labourer, was charged with feloniously stealing three hens, on 25 July last, from Mary Marchant of Parson Drove.

Guilty, to be kept to hard labour at Wisbech till 25th October next.

Richard Bays, of Chatteris – indicted for the manslaughter of John Young on 29th April last. Verdict not guilty.

Robert Howlett and James Clarke indicted for burglariously entering the shop of Smith Flanders, at Chatteris, and stealing two cheeses, two hats and other articles, on May 1st last. Verdict guilty – Death recorded.

John Logan – indicted for the manslaughter of John Boulding on 20th April last, at Wisbech St Mary. Verdict not guilty.

Saturday (Extraordinary Case)

Elizabeth Seamour and John Britain were indicted for a burglary in the dwelling-house of Mr Wm. Lavender, of Ely, in the night of 26th March last, and stealing from a bureau 215 sovereigns, 15 guineas £35 in notes, £10 in silver, gold, and copper, and three silver watches. The prosecutor is a farmer of large property, between 80 and 90 years of age – Mr Andrews, who was specially retained for the prosecution opened the case – He hoped the Jury would dismiss from their minds any impressions made by statements they had already heard, and would give the case a careful and patient investigation, and dispose of it according to the facts made out in the evidence. It would be an important question for them to determine whether the breaking took place with a view to commit the felony, or whether after the property was stolen, it was effected for the purpose of inducing a suspicion that the offence was committed by persons who had not access to the premises. It would appear that besides the property stolen, there were £900s in notes in a secret drawer in the bureau which were not discovered. The prisoner Seamour was a confidential servant of the prosecutor, and had resided with him as housekeeper and nurse for upwards of 20 years.

The prisoner Britain was the son of a farmer at Downham, near Ely, and a close intimacy had subsisted between him and the other prisoner for three or four years.

This case goes on at some length on page 3 cols 1 & 2. The trial lasted for upwards of 10 hours, and the jury returned a verdict of not guilty, though in accordance with the view which appeared to be taken by the Chief Justice, evidently excited much surprise in the court.

August 23 1833

Death – On Monday last, Elizabeth, relict of Mr. John Harlock, formerly common brewer, of Ely, in the 76th year of her age.

August 30 1833

The Bishop of Ely gives a donation of £50 towards repairs of the chancel of Trinity College Cambridge.

September 6 1833

September 13 1833

Death – on Sunday last, at Downham, nr Ely, William Martin, Esq., in the 69th year of his age, deeply regretted and lamented by a large circle of friends and acquaintance.

September 20 1833

Ely Valuable Freehold Premises
Near the Waterside
To Be Sold by Auction
By V. Coates
On Thursday 26th September inst at the Red Lion Inn, in Ely, between Six and Eight in the evening.

A Freehold Brick and Tiled messuage, now divided into Four Tenements, situate near the Waterside, in Ely aforesaid, with Yard and Garden behind same.

The above mentioned property adjoins the premises of Mr John Cross, merchant, and extends from the Waterside to Ship Lane.

For further particulars and to view apply to Auctioneer or to Mr Dench, solicitor, Ely.

September 27 1833

Turnpike Road, leading from Cambridge to Ely and Soham. The General Annual Meeting of the Trustees, will be holden at the Red Lion Inn, Ely, on Monday 21st October next at Eleven o'clock forenoon; and at the said meeting New Trustees will be chosen to supply the vacancies in the Trust, occasioned by death or otherwise.
H. R. Evans, Clerk

Turnpike Road – leading from the Lamb Corner in Ely, to the Chequer corner in Downham, Norfolk called the North District.

The General Annual Meeting of the Trustees will be holden at the Bell Inn, Ely, on Tuesday 22 Oct., next at Eleven o'clock, forenoon.

New Trustees will be chosen to supply Vacancies occasioned by death or otherwise.
H. R. Evans, Clerk

October 4 1833

October 11 1833

Isle of Ely – Notice is hereby given that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, will be holden at the Sessions House, in Ely, on Wednesday 16th October, at Ten o'clock forenoon, and all Jurors, Constables, and Parties bound by recognizances are required to give their attendance accordingly.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace.

Padnal and Waterden Fens
A General Meeting of the Commissioners of the above Fens, will be held at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 24th October inst., at Twelve noon.
Thos. Archer
Clerk to the Commissioners

October 18 1833

Death - On the 27th ult., at Prickwillow, near Ely, Wm. Thompson, gent, aged 84.

October 25 1833

Marriage – On Tuesday last, at Ely, Robert Rayner Esq., to Miss Phoebe Cropley, daughter of the late Mr. John Cropley, farmer, of Ely.

On Monday last, an inquest was held by Robt. Evans Esq., at Mepal, on the body of Jos. Wright, aged about 7 years. It appeared the child came to its death in the following extraordinary manner:- A tumbril loaded with rushes was standing near the road with the shafts level'd; the child took a wash-keeler to stand on to reach the hind part of the tumbrel, which by this means it was enabled to do, and pulled it over upon himself; he was thus crushed between the end of the tumbril and the wash-keeler, and died immediately afterwards. Verdict accidental death.

And on the same day, and by the same coroner, on the body of a fine intelligent boy, about 12 years old, the son of Mr. R. Scott, of Ely, basketmaker, who met his death under the following melancholy circumstances. On Sunday morning, Mr Scott took his son with him to the stable and

told him to ride the horse (a very steady one) as far as the bridge, he walking immediately after him; on returning from the Bridge it appeared the child was seized with coughing, and began to call out: the horse then went rather faster, he fell off, and was killed on the spot, in the presence of the agonized father, who was the first to pick him up. Medical aid was sent for, but life was extinct; it appears the horse trod upon him when he fell.
Verdict - Accidental death.

November 1 1833

Birth – On Saturday last, in the College, Ely, the lady of the Rev. H. Fardell, of a son.

November 8 1833

The show of Horses at Ely Fair, on Tuesday, was rather large, but almost all of the cart kind: little business was done, except with those of a superior description. We had a good supply of cheese, at 8s. per stone.

On Saturday one of those brutal and disgusting sights which generally disgrace fairs, took place in the Vineyards between a Wm. Aungier, of Littleport and a Banatt of Downham.

The battle was not put a stop to until life was nearly extinct, in one (Banatt): he was taken to the Club Inn, and died the following morning.

A verdict of manslaughter was returned against Aungier, who has been apprehended and lodged in gaol for trial at the next assizes.

We think some example in these cases ought to be made of the seconds, whom the jury seem to have overlooked - Another battle took place the same day, between two Irishmen, which ended in one having his arm broken in two places.

An inquest was held on Monday last before R. Evans Esq., coroner, on the body of a travelling tinker, name unknown. It appeared he arrived at the fair on Saturday, and at night slept in a yard, where he was found the following morning in a benumbed state, medical aid was called in, and other means resorted to to save life, but he died on Sunday. Verdict accordingly.

November 5 1833

November 22 1833

Isle of Ely – Adjourned Sessions
The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle will beholden by Adjournment at the Sessions House, in Ely, on Thursday 28th November; and by further Adjournment at the Town Hall, in Wisbech, on Saturday 30th November inst., at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace

November 29 1833

Marriage on the 18th inst., at Ely, Mr William Burbush, printer, of this Cambridge town, to Miss Prigg, of the former place.

Death – on Monday last, at Ely, aged 66, Mary, relict of Thomas Jones, Esq., late of Bashley Lodge, Hants.

The steam-engine in March first district, furnished by the Butterly Company, and the building in which it is put up, by Mr. Freeman of Ely is nearly complete, and it is expected will be set off on Friday 6th December next. The whole has been completed in a very short space of time, and is exceedingly creditable to all parties concerned in its erection.

December 6 1833
December 13 1833
December 20 1833
Marriage – On the 10th inst., at Southery, Norfolk, Brooke Muriel Esq., surgeon, of Ely, to Mary, youngest daughter of Robert Martin, Esq., of the above place.

Lynn Dec. 18th One day last week a lad named James Moules belonging to Ely, fell from a lighter in this harbour and was drowned.
December 27 1833

Ely Chronicle 1834
January 3 1834
Isle of Ely Sessions
Before the Rev. W. G. Townley Chairman and other magistrates.
Four of the Grand Jury did not make their appearance, and they were each fined 40s.
Prisoners

George Nurse of Littleport, was put to the Bar for stealing a waistcoat on the 9th November. Pleaded guilty; one months' imprisonment, the last three days solitary confinement.

Henry Feast, Ely, labourer, indicted for stealing a coat and hat from Wm. Jefferson on 2nd Nov. Jefferson stated that he was at Ely Fair and pulled off his hat and coat to fight, and lost them; he saw his hat in the possession of the constable on Thursday morning – John Faw received the coat and hat to hold, the prisoner knocked him down and took them away. Wm Long gave similar evidence – John Bacon, constable searched Feast's house and found a hat which Jefferson identified. Verdict – not guilty – a new Jury was immediately called.

Wm. Stanyon, of Welney – indicted for stealing several pieces of leather from John Loveday shoemaker – Guilty – seven years transportation.

Thomas Garner and Matthew Carter of Chatteris indicted for stealing three bushels of wheat from a lighter on 27th ult. Guilty 7 years transportation.

January 10 1834
Death – On Saturday last, at Ely, Edward Hugh, infant son of Mr H. R. Evans jun.

Classical and Commercial School
Ely
Mr W. Trigg, gratefully acknowledges the liberal patronage he continues to receive from his friends, and respectfully announces to them and the public, that the duties of his School will be resumed on Monday the 20th inst.
Forehill Jan. 3. 1834.

January 17 1834
The prisoners in the gaol of Ely and House of Correction at Wisbech, desire to return their grateful thanks to the High Bailiff of the Isle, for his usual bounty of roast beef and puddings and a pint of beer each, distributed to them on new and old Christmas days.

January 24 1834
Death – Lately, aged 82, Mr William Drozier, of Ely; a faithful servant of the late Dr. Ward, College Ely.

Association for the Prosecution of all kinds of Felony within the Hundred of Ely and South part of the Hundred of Witchford.

Notice is hereby given, that the annual Meeting of the Members of this Association, for the purpose of passing the Agents' Accounts and enlarging or rescinding the present Rules and Orders (if necessary), will be held at the Club Inn, in Ely, on Saturday, 1st February next, between Two and Four o'clock in the afternoon.
Hy. Pigott, Agent
Ely, 24 January 1834

January 31 1834
Turnpike road, Leading from Cambridge to Ely and from thence to Soham, called "The South District".
In pursuance of a Requisition from three of the Trustees of the said Turnpike Rd. Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting will be holden at the Club Inn, in Ely, on Saturday 15th Feb. next, at eleven o'clock forenoon, for the purpose of letting the Tolls arising at Stretham Ferry Gate, and on other business.
Dated 14 Jan. 1834

H. R. Evans, Clerk.
February 7 1834
Downham – Ely
To Be Sold by Auction
By Messrs Dix and Marshall
At the Lamb Inn, Ely, on Thursday, 13th March 1834 at Four o'clock in the afternoon, in Ten Lots.
The Following Valuable Parcels of
Arable and Pasture Land
Situate at Downham, Isle of Ely
Containing together 73A. 0r. 10P
Lot 1. All that piece of Arable Land, lying next the Second Drove (No 107), in Downham, containing (by admeasurement) Six Acres and Twenty Perches; Lister east, Hobbs west, Moxon north, Droveway south, Cole yearly tenant. Rent £6.

Lot 2. All that other piece of Ditto, lying next the Fifth Drove (no 48) containing (by admeasurement) 6A 1R 8P; Stephens West and South, Flanders east, Drove north, Richard Harrison yearly tenant, Rent £5.10s.

Lot 3. All that piece of ditto, abutting on the Sixth Drove (No 31) containing (by admeasurement) 4 acres; Russell east, main-drain west, Martin north, and the Drove South.

Lot 4. All that piece of Ditto, also abutting on the sixth Drove (No 20) containing (by admeasurement) 4A 1R 23P.; Merrell west, Stevenson east, Russell north, and the Drove south. This and the preceding lot are occupied by John Murrell, yearly tenant. Rent £8.

Lot 5. All that piece of Ditto, abutting on the Seventh Drove (no 18) containing (by admeasurement) 12A 1R 22P. Harlock east and west, Drove north, and Hopkins south. Waxham yearly tenant. Rent £10.

Lot 6. All that piece of Ditto, in the A furlong (No 246) containing (by admeasurement) 6A 1R 5P; Tones north, Hopkins south, Drove east-west. Granger Harrison, yearly tenant. Rent £5.10s.

Lot 7. All that piece of Pasture Land, called Westmoor pieces next Bustler's common (No 300), containing (by admeasurement) 12A 2R 24P.' Main Drain north, Simpson south, Downham foeffees east, Common west.

Lot 8. All that piece of Ditto, abutting on Byall Fen Drove (No 519), containing (by admeasurement) 10A 0R 0P. Freeman north and south, Drove east, Drain west.

Lot 9. All that piece of ditto, abutting on West Moor Common next oxwillow Drove (No 365) containing 6A 1R 24P; Martin north, Bustler's piece south, Common east, Dunstan west.

Lot 10. All that piece of Ditto, in West Fen (No 334) near Red Cap Lane, containing by admeasurement 4A 2R 4P; Lane north and Martin east.

Lots 7, 8, 9 and **10** are in occupation of Wm. Martin, Esq. at the annual rent of £32.

The above are Copyhold of the Manor of Downham, fine arbitrary, and subject to small annual quit rents.

Further particulars, apply to Mr Twiss, solicitor, Cambridge; or to Auctioneers Ely.
February 14 1834
Isle of Ely Adjourned Sessions of the Peace will be holden at the Town hall, at Wisbech, on Wednesday 19th February inst., at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.
Hugh Jackson

Clerk of the Peace.
Wisbech Feb. 10 1834

Death – On Friday last at Ely, Mr John Cross, waterman, father of Mr John Cross, merchant, of that place. For six weeks previous to his decease the only nourishment he received was from cold water.

February 21 1834

February 28 1834

Turnpike Road, Leading from the Lamb Corner Ely, to the Chequer Corner in Downham Norfolk, called "the North District." In pursuance of a Requisition from three of the Trustees of the said Turnpike Road. Notice is hereby given, that a Special Meeting of the Trustees will be holden at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Saturday 8th March next, at eleven o'clock forenoon, for the purpose of examining and allowing the general statement of the income and expenditure of this Trust and on other business.
Dated 19th February 1834
H. R. Evans Clerk.

March 7 1834

Also A General Annual Meeting of the Trustees of the above Turnpike road, will be holden at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Monday 24th March inst., at eleven o'clock forenoon; and Notice is hereby given, that new Trustees will be chosen to supply the vacancies in the Trust, occasioned by death or otherwise.
Dated 1st March 1834
H. R. Evans. Clerk

Turnpike Road – Leading from Cambridge to Ely, and from thence to Soham, called "The South District".
Notice is hereby given, that the General Annual Meeting of the Trustees of the said Turnpike road, will be holden at the Bell Inn, Ely, on Monday 24 March inst., at eleven o'clock forenoon, and also at the said Meeting, new Trustees will be chosen to supply the vacancies in the said Trust occasioned by death or otherwise.
Dated 1st March 1834
H. R. Evans Clerk.

March 14 1834

There are 26 prisoners in Ely gaol for trial at the approaching assizes, which commence on Good Friday.

Mr William Marshall, of Ely, has been appointed a Commissioner for taking acknowledgements to deeds by married women in substitution of fines and recoveries.

Isle of Ely – Adjournment Sessions – will be holden at the Sessions House in Ely, on Thursday 20th March inst., at Eleven o'clock forenoon.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech March 11 1834.

March 21 1834

Isle of Ely – Notice is hereby given, that a General Sessions of Pleas, Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery, will be holden at the City of Ely, in and for the said Isle, on Friday 28th March inst.

The Chief Justice will attend Divine Service on Saturday morning at Ten o'clock, and proceed to business immediately afterwards.
Dated 15th March 1834
William Watson, Esq., Chief Bailiff.

Death on Tuesday last, at Ely, Mr Vaunham Coates, auctioneer, and for upwards of eighteen years clerk to Mr. W. Marshall, solicitor, of that place. He lived highly respected, and died deeply regretted.

March 28 1834

Isle of Ely – The Commission for holding the assizes at Ely will be opened this day, and the Chief Justice will attend divine service at the cathedral on the following morning, and proceed immediately afterwards to business. There is the unprecedented number of 24 cases, comprising 32 prisoners viz. – 5 for arson, 2 for sheep-stealing, 2 for manslaughter, 2 for highway robbery, 2 for house and shop breaking, 3 for stealing in a dwelling-house, 2 for maliciously wounding, 4 felony, 6 larceny, 1 as accessory after the fact, 1 for receiving stolen goods, 1 for assault with intent to commit an infamous crime, 1 for assaulting a constable in the discharge of his duty. Since we have received the above we learn that two other prisoners have been added to the calendar.

April 4 1834

Isle of Ely

Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace will be holden at the Sessions House, Ely, on Wednesday 9th April next at Ten o'clock forenoon at which hour the chair will be taken.

Hugh Jackson,
Clerk of the Peace

Capital Gang of Lighters
And Two Water Horses. Ely
To Be Sold by Auction
By Matthew Scott.
On Tuesday 8th April next, at the Ship Quay, Ely precisely at Two o'clock in the afternoon.

A small but excellent Gang of Lighters, two capital Water Horses, and the materials used in navigating the said Gang, the property of Mr. Steven Jennings, of Reach, (who is declining business)

A Fore Lighter	Burthen	14 Chaldrons
A House Lighter	Ditto	Ditto
A decked Third Lighter	Ditto	Ditto
A decked Fourth lighter	Ditto	Ditto
A Horse Boat	Ditto	5 ditto
Water Horse	Blackbird,	Seven years old
Ditto	Sharper	Four years old

The materials consist of Lynn, Cambridge, Veering, and other lines, tarpaulins, mast and rigging, sail and sailyard, blocks, fest, anchor, and various other articles.

The Lighters are all in excellent repair, and six months credit will be given, on approved joint security, for all Lots above £5.

A Dinner will be provided at the Ship Inn which will be on the table at One o'clock.

A Capital Gang of Lighters, Ely.
Without the least reserve and Nine Months' Credit
To Be Sold by Auction
By Matthew Scott
On Monday 14th April inst., at the Ship Quay, Ely, precisely at Two o'clock in the afternoon.

A Capital Gang of Lighters consisting of

One Forelighter	Burthen	15 Chaldrons
One House Lighter	Ditto	15 ditto
One House Lighter	Ditto	14 ditto
One Open ditto	Ditto	14 ditto
One Open ditto	Ditto	12 ditto
One decked ditto	Ditto	10 ditto
Two Horse Boats		
Two Smaller Horse Boats		

Also, a Capital Water Horse.

The Materials consist of Masts, Sails, Rigging, and all sorts of Lines necessary for navigating the said Gang, also Tarpaulins, Blocks Fests, Anchors, and divers other articles.

The above were the property of Mr John Cross, late of Ely, waterman, deceased; and will be sold without Reserve, on Nine Months' Credit.

A Dinner will be provided at the Ship Inn, and on the table at One o'clock.

Isle of Ely Spring Assizes – March 28th 1834
Before Mr Sergeant Storks, Chief Justice.
His Lordship appeared in Court about 12 o'clock, the following gentlemen were sworn on the Grand Jury.

T. Bowker, Esq. Whittlesea	J. Boyce, Gent, Whittlesea
R. H. Lewin, Esq., March	J. Blunt, Gent, Doddington
John Harlock Esq. Ely	J. Golborne, Gent, Witcham
George Hall Esq. Ely	R. Camps, Gent, Wilburton
George Stevens, Gent, Ely	W. Pate, Gent, Haddenham
W. T. Cleeve, Gent, Wisbech	Wm. Rayner, Gent, Ely
T. Grounds, Gent, March	T. Waddlelow Granger, Gent, Stretham
W. Martin, Gent, Downham	Richard Ruston, jun., Gent, Chatteris
J. Ruston, Gent, Chatteris	John Smith, Gent, Chatteris

After which his Lordship addressed them as follows:-
Gentlemen of the Grand Jury – The duty necessarily involved in the occasion of our being brought together, requires me to address a few words to you.

They should not be irrelevant, nor will I trespass upon you at any length. It is right that i should glance at some recent alterations in the Criminal Law, and also direct your attention to the state of the calendar. In the age in which we live, we find improvements advancing in every direction.

The mind of man appears to labour under an extraordinary degree of excitement, and to be urging itself forward to detect errors, and devise the means of correcting them. But amidst all this the philanthropist must sigh, and enlightened wisdom must acknowledge its weakness, when it is observed that human crime and human profligacy continue to increase. On the neighbouring circuits the Learned Judges who presided have felt themselves called upon to lament the spread of crime. Where I am feebly to administer justice, the state of the calendar precludes me from offering you any congratulations. In some counties the injudicious and eager desire to preserve game operates as an exciting cause to the lawless and indolent to tread the first step to crime, but not so in this jurisdiction. One peculiarity attending my labour is, that I have not tried a single case of midnight poaching. Whence, then, does the dark and melancholy character which the progress of vice assumes proceed? Does it arise from the negligence of those intrusted to watch over them, or from the inattention of the magistracy? I sit not here to flatter the magistrates, but I must in justice say, that I have ever found them actively intent on the discharge of their duties. It is worthy of

observation, that 9 individuals only in the calendar are able to read and write, and that 23 of the prisoners are in a state of entire ignorance; 16 are under the age of 21, 11 between 21 and 30, 5 above 30, and not one above 40. It appears, also, that 11 persons are accused of crimes of violence, the greater part of the cases involving their lives. I have felt it my duty to point out the distinguishing features of the calendar, in the hope of directing other minds more intelligent, and possessing a wider sphere of action, to observe the causes of the progress of crime, and to counteract their effects. The Chief Justice then alluded to the alterations of the criminal law, and the severity of the punishment of transportation as now regulated, in nearly the same terms as the Judges on the circuit.

Prisoners

Edward Peters, aged 15, indicted for stealing three pounds and a quarter of pork, from the shop of John Balls, butcher, of Ely Trinity. Guilty – one months' imprisonment to hard labour in the House of Correction at Ely.

John Bridgeford, aged 19, indicted for stealing a quantity of potatoes from William Coward of March. Sentenced to ten days hard labour in the House of Correction at Ely.

Thomas Morling – indicted for stealing a silver-cased watch from William Briggs of Chatteris – Guilty – three months' imprisonment to hard labour in the House of Correction at Ely.

William Jones, aged 18, indicted for killing and slaying Mary Papworth, by shooting her with a gun at Whittlesea – pleaded guilty – a young man of a good character, and his Lordship learning from the circumstances of the case, that he was innocent of the intent to kill her, discharged the prisoner upon his entering into his own recognizance to keep the peace for two years.

Mary Ann Warrington, aged 19, indicted for stealing a lawn handkerchief and some sheeting from Mr James Earl, of Littleport, farmer, - guilty of stealing the handkerchief – six months' imprisonment, the last fortnight in solitary confinement in the House of Correction at Ely.

George Palmer, aged 26, indicted for stealing an ass from Edward Morden, of Littleport, pleaded guilty – Three months imprisonment in the House of Correction at Ely and kept to hard labour. The prisoner is a chimney sweep, and the prosecutor had several times lent him the as, and the prisoner took advantage of it and sold it for 15s.

James Yarrow, aged 30, indicted for breaking and entering the Shop of William Laws, of Prickwillow near Ely, and stealing a watch, some shoes, and divers other articles. The prisoner pleaded guilty, and said the sooner he was sent out the country the better; he had been a soldier in the first regiment of foot guards and served in Portugal, and is now a deserter from that regiment. He appeared a very abandoned character, and said he did not care what became of him. His Lordship explained the alteration of the laws respecting transportation, and sentenced him to 14 years transportation. The prisoner exclaimed "Hurra! Thank you, my Lord!"

William Russell, a youth of only twelve years old, was indicted for stealing a watch, 11 sovereigns, 7 half sovereigns, a purse with 1s.6d and 1d in it, some bread and meat, a canvas bag, a tobacco-box, and other articles, from the house of James Touch, of March. It appeared that the boy's father had turned him out of doors because he would not go begging on St Thomas's day, although he was never taken to church and no care had been taken of him. His parents are very abandoned characters, his mother having been tried at Ely in 1828. His Lordship gave a severe reprimand to the father after the jury found the boy guilty. His Lordship passed a sentence of seven years transportation but hoped to get it altered so that the boy could be placed in an asylum where he would be taught religious morals and brought up in a right and correct manner.

Samuel Smith aged 29, indicted for killing a sheep with intent to steal the carcase belonging to Mr Curtis, of Chatteris. Mr Barnes, farmer of Manea, gave the prisoner a good character for steadiness and sobriety. The Jury, after considering about 10 minutes returned a verdict of guilty – transported for life – His Lordship has since intimated his intention of recommending a commutation of the punishment.

Monday March 31 1834

William Ashby (36) was indicted for stealing two coils of rope, the property of the Wisbech Canal Company – seven years transportation.

John Easy (20) and John Taylor (19) indicted for stopping John Whitworth, carpenter, of Littleport, on the King's highway and stealing a half-sovereign, a half crown, etc., from his person.

Prisoners found not guilty.

Gigner Turtle (24) indicted for having unlawfully and maliciously cut and wounded William James Wayman, farmer of Haddenham; not guilty, His Lordship in discharging prisoner, advised him in future to restrain his temper.

Trial for Arson

Robert Brigstock jun (19) and Thomas Story (19) were charged with having on 8th December last feloniously set fire to a wheat stack, some haulm, a stable, a chaff-house etc., the property of William Vawser, of March. After a confession the jury returned a verdict of guilty of the crime of arson, recommending them to mercy on account of their youth.

His Lordship passed the sentence of the Court which is, that you will be taken hence to the place from whence you came and from thence to a place of execution, where you will be hanged by the neck until you are severally dead, and may the Lord have mercy upon your souls.

Both prisoners during the trial and after the sentence exhibited the most perfect indifference.

Tuesday April 1st 1834

Berry Wayman (18) charged with feloniously stealing two Justian frocks, a waistcoat, and other articles from the dwelling-house of William Stokes, farmer, of Manea there was nothing against the prisoner before this so the sentence was lenient. Six months' hard labour in the House of Correction at Ely.

William Gothard (19) charged with having on 21st October last feloniously broken and entered the dwelling-house of Robert Noddings of Haddenham. Seven years transportation.

Fire at Littleport

Thomas Thoday (18) charged with having on Thursday night 2nd January last, set fire to an oat-stack and out-buildings, property of Dyson Savage, farmer, of Littleport. Verdict – not guilty.

Edward Jones (18) indicted for having unlawfully and maliciously cut and wounded James Maile, jun., of Stuntney near Ely. Mr John Harlock of Ely gave the prisoner a very good character. The Jury acquitted the prisoner, and his Lordship told him that it was nothing but the nicety of the law which had saved him from transportation for life.

Robert Hammaway (33) James Buck (30) and Thomas Giddings (27) charged with sealing a quantity of wheat, beans, oats, and three sacks from a barn, the property of Mr. Wm. Hemment, farmer of Thorney, and John Tapp (32) was indicted as an accessory after the fact.

Discharged for want of proof.

Richard Cross (22) and Thomas Kempton (18) charged with having feloniously stolen a quantity of oysters from a boat lying in the river Ouze, the property of Thomas Jarvis. Both guilty – sentenced to three weeks' hard labour.

William Aungier (26) was tried on the coroner's inquisition for the manslaughter of Joseph Barrett in Ely on 2nd November last, a fight took place between the prisoner and deceased at Ely Fair.

Bacon the constable separated the parties. From the evidence of Mr Muriel, surgeon, of Ely, it appeared that the deceased was in a very bad state of health at the time of the fight, and the jury acquitted the prisoner.

Robert Crofts (38) was charged with having, on the night of Monday 2nd September last, feloniously stolen one ewe sheep, the property of Mr. John Garrett, of Ely. Verdict – guilty – the prisoner was sentenced to be transported for life.

William Clarke (30) pleased guilty to having committed a common assault upon Thomas Macrow, sentenced to three months at Wisbech.

William Cooper (23) charged with assault upon John Bacon, constable, of Ely was acquitted.

The bill against Wm. Bosworth and Joseph Skeels alias Whittlesea, for setting fire to a stack of corn, the property of Mr. John Seward of Chatteris, was thrown out by the Grand Jury.

The assizes did not terminate until Tuesday evening.

April 11 1834

Death on Monday last, Mrs Gates, wife of Mr. Francis Gates, collar-maker, of Ely.

The Spring Courts of the Rev. the Dean and Chapter of Ely will be holden as under:-
In the Isle of Ely
For the Manor of Mepal, on Monday 28th April inst.
For the Manor of Sutton, on Tuesday 29th April inst.
For the Manor of Ely Porta, on Wednesday 30th April inst.
For the Manor of Witcham and Wentworth, on 2nd May next
For the Manor of Witchford, on Saturday, 3rd May next.

April 18 1834

The Bishop of Ely has conferred the honourable appointment of Chief-Bailiff of the Isle of Ely, held by the late William Watson Esq., on Captain Spelman Swaine, R. N. a gentleman from the high respectability of his family, private worth and independence of character, well qualified to fill the important station assigned to him. The Chief Bailiff has appointed Thomas Steed Watson, of Wisbech, gentleman, to the office of Deputy Chief-Bailiff.

April 25 1834

Execution – Yesterday morning about twelve o'clock Robert Brigstock, who was convicted of arson at the late Isle of Ely Assizes, underwent the extreme penalty of the law, in the presence of an immense concourse of persons at the usual place near the city of Ely. The unfortunate youth was only nineteen years of age: he behaved in a becoming manner, and appeared resigned to his fate. His accomplice Thomas Storey, was reprieved, but it is a melancholy circumstance, that his sister, Sarah Heartley, with whom he lodged, and who was brought up as a witness against him at the trial, died of a broken heart, a day or two previous to the respite being received, imagining that her evidence had been the means of convicting her brother.

May 2 1834

Marriage – At St Mary's Church, Ely, on Tuesday last, Mr William Chambers, to Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr Hills, spirit merchant.

Death – at the Bell Inn, Wisbech, on Saturday last, aged 55, Mr. John Lee, of Ely, master of the Cambridge Ely, and Wisbech packet boat.

We understand the statement contained in our paper of last week relative to the death of Sarah Heartley, a sister of Thomas Storey, the accomplice of Brigstock, who was executed at Ely on Thursday se'nnight, is untrue, the poor woman being in the enjoyment of good health. It is not improbable that the report originated through the strange and uncommon circumstance of a sister being examined as a material witness on a charge endangering the life of her brother.

But we are informed that it is principally through the evidence of his sister, and the strong corroboration which it gave to his confession, that the life of the prisoner Story was saved. The memorial presented to Lord Melbourne for that purpose having particularly dwelt on the fact, that Storey did not actually set fire to the wheat.

Ely April 30th
T. A. Hills, Printer, Bookseller, and Binder, is in want of a steady, active and well educated youth as an Apprentice. He will be treated as one of the family.

All letters to be post paid.

May 9 1834

Death – On Friday last, at his residence in Ely St Marys' William Harlock Esq., aged 76.

May 16 1834

Turnpike Road.
Leading from the Lamb Corner in Ely to the Chequer Corner in Downham, in the County of Norfolk called "The North District."

Notice is hereby given, that an Adjourned Meeting of the said Trustees will be holden at the White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Tuesday 10th June next, at eleven o'clock forenoon, for the purpose of letting the Tolls arising at Chettisham and Fordham Turnpike Gates, and on other business.
Dated 13th May, 1834
H. R. Evans, Clerk

May 23 1834

Ely
Valuable Household Furniture, China, Glass
Stock of Capital Highland Hay
Superior 8 year old Bay Nag Mare
Brewing Utensils and other effects
To Be Sold by Auction. By M. Scott
On Friday 6th June next.
The neat and useful Furniture etc., late the property of William Harlock sen., Esq. deceased.

May 30 1834
June 6 1834
June 13 1834

Commercial and Posting-House
Lamb Inn, Ely.
William Beecroft takes this opportunity most respectfully to return his sincere thanks to the Nobility, Clergy, Gentry, Commercial Gentlemen, and his friends generally, for the patronage and support he has received from them, and for the favours conferred upon him since he has kept the above Inn. He now solicits a continuance of the same and begs leave to assure them that nothing shall be wanting on his part to ensure their comfort and deserve their future support.
Ely, June 10 1834

June 20 1834

Isle of Ely – Notice is hereby given that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle, will be holden at the Sessions House, in Wisbech, on Wednesday 2nd July next at Ten o'clock forenoon at which hour the chair will be taken, and all Jurors Constables, and Parties bound by recognizance, and others having occasion to attend, are required to give their attendance accordingly.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace.

June 27 1834

Marriage – On Tuesday last at Ely, Mr J. W. Bidewell, to Mary Ann, third daughter of Mr. Henry Wilks, both of that place.

Death – At Ely, on Sunday last, in his 19th year, Robert Murris Bidwell, second son of the late, Mr Charles Bidwell, of that place, after a lingering illness, which he bore with Christian fortitude and pious resignation.

44 Head of Capital Cow Stock, Ely
To Be Sold by Auction
By C. Legge & Son.
On Wednesday 2nd July next, in a ground belonging to Mr. Wm. Laurence, situate in Middle Fen, in Ely, near the Bridge, being the second ground from the Bank, and on the right hand side of the road leading to Stuntney.

Also, a good narrow Wheel Waggon.

Credit will be given, on approved joint security, until first day of December next.
The sale to begin precisely at Two o'clock.

July 4 1834
Turnpike Road, Leading from Cambridge to Ely, and from thence to Soham, etc., called "The South District."
In pursuance of a Requisition from three of the Trustees of the said Turnpike Road.

Notice is hereby given, that a special Meeting of the said Trustees will be holden at the Club Inn, in Ely, on Monday 28th July inst., at eleven o'clock forenoon, for the purpose of Letting the Tolls arising at Cambridge and Milton Turnpike Gates, together with the Weighing Machine at the said gate called Cambridge Gate, and on other business.
Dated 26th June, 1834
H. R. Evans Clerk

Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions – Wisbech, 2nd July
Before the Rev. Wm. Hardwicke, chairman, and other Magistrates.

John Wilkes was put to the bar charged with having stolen from Thomas Haylock, baker, of Ely, Two stone bottles containing 4 gallons of Vinegar.
Verdict not guilty.

Thomas Burns, charged with stealing a velveteen coat from Mary Longs of Littleport.
Guilty three months hard labour.

Thomas Harlock, of March, charged with uttering a bad half crown on 28th April last, pleaded guilty – Six months' hard labour.

July 11 1834
Marriage – On Tuesday last, at Ely, (By the Rev. P. Durham) Robert Dix Esq., to Mary Hyde Hayward, widow of Robert Hayward Esq., of Fordham, in this county.

July 18 1834

July 25 1834
Isle of Ely – Notice is hereby given, that a General sessions of Pleas, Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery, will be holden at Wisbech, in and for the said Isle of Ely, on Thursday, 31st July inst.

The Chief Justice will attend Divine Service on Friday morning at Ten o'clock, and proceed to business immediately afterwards.
Dated 21st July, 1834
Spelman Swaine Esq., Chief Bailiff.

August 1 1834
Marriage – On Thursday 24th ult., at Soham, Mr Francis Giles, Saddler and Harness maker, of Ely, to Miss Hazlewood, of the former place.

August 8 1834

August 15 1834
Death – On Sunday last, at Ely, Mrs Mary Gotobed, aged 84.

August 22 1834

August 29 1834
Fire at Ely – On Monday morning last, about half-past seven o'clock the inhabitants of Ely were greatly alarmed by the cry of "fire", which was found to have originated by the over-heating of a large hay stack, belonging to Jonathan Page, Esq.

The engines were soon upon the spot and by the prompt assistance of the inhabitants the destructive element was kept under until a part of the stack was cut out, and being carefully carried away little damage was done compared with what might have been the case had it have broken out in the night, for if such had been the case the loss must have proved enormous, as large, corn, hay, and straw stacks were adjoining or within a few feet of the spot, besides the vary large barn full of corn, and being also surrounded with buildings. Great praise is due to the labourers and inhabitants, who vied

with each other in doing all in their power to stop the ravages of the flames. The property was not insured.

September 5 1834

The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden by Adjournment, at the Town-Hall in Wisbech, on Wednesday 10th September inst., at 11 o'clock forenoon.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace

To Overseers and Voters for the County
We, Thomas Paynter and William Anthony Collins, the Barristers duly appointed to Revise the List of Voters in the Election of Knights of the Shire for the County of Cambridge, and do hereby give Public Notice that we shall make a circuit of the said County and hold Courts for that purpose at the several times and places for the respective Districts.

On Thursday, 18th Sept. inst., at Ten o'clock forenoon, at the Shire Hall, in the City of Ely, for revising the said Lists for:-

Coveney	Littleport	Welches Dam
Downham	Manea	Wentworth
Ely St Mary with Chettisham	Mepal	Wilburton
Ely Trinity with Stuntney	Stretham	Witcham and Witchford
Ely College	Sutton	
Haddenham	Thetford	

September 12 1834

Death at Ely – On the 4th inst., Geraldine Harriet, infant daughter of Thomas Page Esq.

On the 3rd inst., at Ely, Mr John Otley.

At a Vestry Meeting of Trinity Parish, Ely held on Friday last, an almost unprecedented fact was announced when the overseers applied for a new rate, there not being a single rate-payer in arrear. The parishioners highly complimented Messrs. M. Scott and Thomas Simson, the overseers, for their praise-worthy exertions towards the interests of the parish.

September 19 1834

Marriage – On Wednesday last, at Trinity Church Ely, Mr Charles Henry Cooper, of this town, to Jane youngest daughter of the late Mr. John Thompson, of Prickwillow, near Ely.

Extensive Sale of New and Elegant
Cabinet and Upholstery Furniture etc.
Ely
To Be Sold by Auction. By C. Legge & Son.
On Tuesday 23rd Sept. inst.

The entire Stock in Trade of Mr. Christopher Legge, jun, of Ely, Cabinet-maker, etc., who has declined business (and which will be removed to the Great Room, at the Bell Inn, Ely for the convenience of sale) which will commence at 11 o'clock.

Burnt Fen First District
Notice is herby given, that a General Half-yearly Meeting of the Commissioners of the above District will be held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 2nd October next, at 12 o'clock noon.

September 26 1834
October 3 1834
Ely – All persons having transactions in regard to the Business carried on by Mr. Henry Wilks, Miller, of Ely, are cautioned and warned against making any payments on Mr. H. Wilks's account to his son Henry Freeman Wilks.

Ely September 29th 1834
Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely will be holden in Ely, on Wednesday 15 October next, by Ten of the clock in the forenoon. The several Clerks to the Justices are requested to send their several Depositions and Recognizances to the office of the Clerk of the Peace at Wisbech, on or before the Saturday preceding.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace
October 10 1834
October 17 1834
Marriage – On the 9th inst., at Bury, George, second son of Mr Thos. Jackson, to Rebecca, third daughter of the late Mr John Fortington, of Ely.
October 24 1834
October 31 1834
November 7 1834
Death – On Saturday last, at Ely, after a painful illness, Elizabeth Bryer, the beloved wife of Mr John Muriel, surgeon.

On Tuesday last, at Ely, Mrs Ingram, wife of Mr. Benjamin Ingram.
November 14 1834
Isle of Ely Adjourned Sessions
The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden by adjournment at the Sessions House, at Ely, on Thursday 20th November inst., at Eleven o'clock forenoon.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech Nov. 8 1834

Ely – Extensive Sale of Splendid China & Earthenware
Messrs. C. Legge and Son respectfully announce that they have received instructions to Sell by Auction, in the Great Room at the Bell Inn, Ely, on Monday 24th November 1834 and five following days. Sale will begin each morning at Eleven o'clock and evening at Six.
November 21 1834

Padnal and Waterden Fens
Notice is hereby given, that a Meeting of the Commissioners of the above Fens will be held at the Bell Inn, Ely, on Thursday 27th November inst., at 12 o'clock noon pursuant to adjournment from the last meeting.
Dated 12th November 1834
Thomas Archer
Clerk to the Commissioners

Public House and Wind-Mill
Downham Isle of Ely
To Be Sold by Private Contract
The Red Lion Public House – with convenient Yard and Outbuildings attached; and also a Post Corn Wind Mill, working two pair of stones, with half an acre of land adjoining.

The Premises are situated in the populous village of Downham, the public house being copyhold, and the Mill, together with the land. Freehold.

Possession of the Public-house will be given at Christmas next.

For price and particulars apply to Mr. Joseph Little, Oxlode near Ely, or to Mr. Foster, solicitor, Cambridge.

November 28 1834

We are happy to inform the public, that a letter was received on Tuesday last by the Dean and Chapter of Ely, from the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, signifying his Lordship's intention to present them with painted glass for the east window of their beautiful cathedral.

This is the second munificent act of liberality towards ornamenting that magnificent structure, his Lordship having, on a recent occasion, expended a sum of money exceeding £500 in beautifying the interior of the choir.

December 5 1834

Death – On Monday last, at Ely, after a long affliction, Miss Pond, aged 64.

December 12 1834

Turnpike Tolls to be Let.

Notice is hereby given, that the Tolls arising at the several Toll-Gates upon the Turnpike Roads leading from Cambridge to Ely, and from thence to Mepal and to Soham, called or known by the several names of Ely and Stretham Town, Sutton and Witcham, and Soham Turnpike Gates, will be let by Auction, for three years respectively, (that is to say) Ely and Stretham Town Gates, from 15th March next, and Soham, Sutton and Witcham Gates, from the 16th of the same month, to the best bidders, at the house of Mr. Thomas Spenceley, called or known by the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Tuesday 6th January next, at the hour of 12 noon, in the manner directed by the Act passed in the third year of the reign of his Majesty King George the Fourth.

"For regulating Turnpike Roads", which Tolls produced the last three years, as follows:-

	£
Ely and Stretham Town Gates	457
Soham Gate	193
Sutton and Witcham Gates	145

per annum above the Expence of collecting them, and will be put up at those sums, and in such Lots as the Trustees then present shall agree upon.

Whoever happens to be the best bidder for either of the said Tolls, must, at the same time, pay one month in advance of the Rent at which such Tolls may be Let; and give necessary security, with sufficient sureties, to the satisfaction of the Trustees for payment of the rest of the money by prospective monthly instalments.

Dated 3rd December 1834

H. R. Evans

Clerk to the Trustees.

No person will be accepted as surety unless he is present at the Meeting and have been approved of by the Trustees.

December 19 1834

Padnal and Waterden Fens

Notice is hereby given, that the Commissioners of the above Fens, acting under an act of Parliament, passed in the eighth year of the reign of his late Majesty for improving the drainage of part of the South Level of the Fens, and the navigation of the rivers passing through the same, have

assessed, taxed, and charged the lands liable to inundation, lying within the above Fens, with a tax of three shilling per acre, and that the said Tax will become due on the first day of January next, and is directed by the said Commissioners to be paid to their Treasurer, Mr Wm. Marshall, at his office, in Ely. And notice is hereby also given, that every owner or occupier liable to the payment of the above Tax and neglecting or failing to pay the same within Twenty-eight days after the 1st January, will forfeit and be required to pay to the said Commissioners by way of penalty for every such omission the sum of Three shillings and fourpence, due for such rates and taxes and so in proportion for the less sum.
Dated 11th December, 1834
Thos. Archer
Clerk to the Commissioners.

December 26 1834

Isle of Ely – Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle, will be holden at the Sessions House in Wisbech, on Wednesday 7th January next, Ten o'clock forenoon, at which hour the chair will be taken, and all Jurors, constables, and Parties bound by recognizances are required to give their attendance accordingly.

The several Clerks to the Justices are requested to send the several Depositions and Recognizances to the office of the Clerk of the Peace, in Wisbech, on or before the Saturday preceding.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech December 24 1834

Ely Chronicle
January 2 1835

Classical and Commercial School
Fore Hill, Ely.
Mr W Trigg returns sincere thanks to his Friends for their liberal patronage and support, and respectfully announces that the duties of his School will be resumed on Monday 19th January.

Isle of Ely Weights and Measures
Notice is hereby given, that John Bacon, the Inspector of Weights and Measures appointed for the Division of the Isle of Ely, in order to give effect to the Act 4th and 5th William IV. c 49. will attend with Copies of the Imperial Standard Weights and Measures, duly verified and stamped, for the purpose of examining, comparing and stamping all Weights and Measures in use within the said Division.
At the Sessions House in Ely
For the Town of Ely, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the 8th, 9th and 10th of January next.
Attendance from Nine o'clock in the morning till 5 o'clock in the afternoon.
All persons using Weights and Measures, are required to produce their Weights and Measures to the Inspector, in order that the same may be examined, compared and stamped, pursuant to the Act of Parliament, and to prevent delays in the examination, and avoid inconvenience by persons being from unforeseen circumstances kept without their Weights and Measures, it the requested that a list be delivered with each separate lot or parcel signed with the owners name.
NB Cast Iron Weights cannot be stamped unless a small portion of Lead be introduced on some conspicuous part so as to receive the stamp.
By Order
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace for the Isle of Ely.

January 9 1835

Isle of Ely Sessions were held at Wisbech on Wednesday 7th inst., before the Rev. J Jackson, Chairman, and a bench of magistrates.

The Chairman addressed the Grand Jury, in his charge, to the following effect:-

Gentlemen – Since we least met in this Court, an Act of Parliament has been passed of such vital importance to the public at large, that I cannot refrain from troubling you with a few remarks upon it. I allude to the Act of the 14th August, 1834, for the amendment and better administration of the laws relating to the poor. The evils of the old system, upset as it was by the scarcity of 1795 and 1800, by certain Acts passed about that time, and by the increase of population since, can hardly be over-stated. It was evident to all humane and thinking men that something must be done, and the measure actually adopted appears to be, upon the whole, wise and salutary. Perhaps the greatest objection to it is, that it has attempted too much at once. In principle it is unquestionably right; but to carry it into practice will demand much discretion and much firmness, tempered by equal kindness of feeling. The subject is of almost boundless extent, but its main features are these:-

The Poor Laws having been administered in different parts of the county on different and irreconcileable principles, the expedient was forced on the Legislative of a Central Board of Commissioners, with power to issue and enforce General Rules and Orders, whereby alone uniformity of practice might be introduced and maintained. By the Act referred to, such Board is legalised, and its powers as to the union of parishes, workhouses, parish-officers, and the relief of the able bodied, are strictly defined. The allowance system, regulated not by the value of a man's services, but by his wants, is abolished; certainly nothing more calculated to cut up by the roots all industry, foresight, frugality, and honourable independence, can be well conceived – every friend to his land, therefore, must rejoice that it is got rid of. The relief of the poor must, nevertheless, continue to be a charge upon property: and by this Act the management of it is confined exclusively, as clearly it ought to be, to the judgement and benevolence of those by whom the charge is borne. Such are the distinctive features of this great measure. There are many main points to which I may shortly allude. The law relating to illegitimacy, for example, has undergone a sweeping revision; on this ground I find it impossible to avoid many serious misgiving. The change, however, is well meant, and we must all sincerely wish it may turn out to be an improvement. Of the alteration of the law of settlement, I can speak with greater confidence – it is undeniably much improved; and the mode of acquiring a settlement by hiring and serving, that source of endless litigation, being done away, and greater clearness and certainty secured in other respects. Then again, as to removals, a very judicious alteration has been made, from which the best results must follow. Of the Unions contemplated by the Act, I say nothing, as it seems unlikely that somewhat intricate portion of it will be much, if at all, acted upon within this jurisdiction.

The Act itself, Gentlemen, is, or should be, in the hands of every one of you - a more interesting subject of consideration exists not in the whole range of our domestic policy. The future peace and welfare of every class among us are, in fact, suspended upon it; and it is the obvious duty of all ranks, especially of the influential ranks, to do all they can to promote the beneficial operation of a change absolutely and equally indispensable to the rich, the intermediate, and the poor. Gentlemen, I have done – the time passes and we have much before us. The calendar, I am sorry to say, is unusually heavy, you will, I doubt not, treat every case in it without bias on either side, and to the exercise of your important functions I now dismiss you.

The only cases from Ely area as follows:-

George Cuttriss, John Blayton and Robert Lawrence, for stealing fowls from Gabriel of Stretham, found guilty, - Cuttriss 7 years' transportation, the other two prisoners, 6 months' imprisonment and hard labour.

William Bates, for stealing from William See 5s.6d. The prisoner applied to the prosecutor for a bed; he shortly after left, and prosecutor discovered he had been robbed; he had had a bad shilling which was also gone, he followed prisoner and accused him of the robbery and when he cleared his pockets, found the bad shilling. Guilty. Three month's hard labour at Ely.

January 16 1835

Death – At Ely, on Sunday last, aged 85, Mr William Lavender, an opulent and respectable farmer. He was highly and deservedly esteemed by his friends, and his loss will be much regretted by many of the poor.

Turnpike Road – Leading from Cambridge to Ely and from thence to Soham, called "The South District."

Notice is hereby given, that an adjourned Meeting, of the said Trustees will be holden at the Red Lion, in Ely, on Friday 6th February next, at eleven o'clock forenoon, for the purpose of letting the Tolls arising at Soham, Ely, and Stretham Town, and Sutton and Witcham Turnpike Gates, also for examining and allowing the annual Statement of the debts, Revenues and Expenditure of the said Trust to the 31st December last, and on General Business.
H. R. Evans, Clerk
7th January 1835

January 23 1835

Death – At Ely, on Friday last, the Rev. Benjamin Parke, prebendary of that Cathedral, and vicar of Tilney, Norfolk. The vicarage is in the gift of Pembroke College Cambridge, of which Mr. P. was formerly Fellow and Tutor. He proceeded to the degree of B.A. 1782 and M.A. 1785.

January 30 1835

February 6 1835

Padnal and Middle Fen, Ely
To be Sold by Auction
By C. Legge & Son
At the Red Lion Inn, in Ely, on Thursday, 12 February at five o'clock in the afternoon.
The following
Valuable Premises
Lot 1. A Messuage, with convenient Out Buildings; and Three Acres (more or less) of Pasture Land adjoining situate at Clay-Way in Ely, and adjoining the South Level Cut. Freehold.

Lot 2. Seven Acres, one Rood, and fifteen Perches, of Land, situate in Padnal-Fen in Ely; next land of William Rickard and John Harlock – Freehold.

Lot 3. Eleven Acres (more or less) of Land, situate in the Shell near Prickwillow, and adjoining the Steam Engine Drain. – Freehold.

Lot 4. Six Acres of Land, in the Drove in Padnal, next land of Miss Vaughan and John Evans, and Three Acres (more or less) of Land, on the east-side of Old Folly Drove, in Burnt Fen First District, in Ely. Leasehold under Clare Hall Cambridge, for 14 years from Michaelmas 1833. All Lots subject to Drainage Taxes.

For further particulars enquire at the office of Evans, Archer & Evans, Solicitors Ely.

Eligible Investment
To Be Sold by Auction
By C. Legge & Son
At the Red Lion Inn, Ely, on Thursday 12th February, at Six o'clock in the evening.

Three Assignments of the Tolls on the Downham and Ely Turnpike road for securing various sums, amounting together to £229.6s.8d.

The securities bear Interest at 5 per cent which is paid punctually.

Further particulars enquire of Evans, Archer and Evans.

February 13 1835

Isle of Ely – Adjourned Sessions will be holden at the Town Hall, Wisbech, on Wednesday 18th February inst., at eleven o'clock forenoon.

Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech.

February 20 1835

February 27 1835

Death – On Monday last, in New Lakenham, near Norwich, aged 66, deservedly respected and deeply lamented, Mr William Cole, second son of the late John Cole, Gent, of Boyland Hall, in Mourningthorpe, and father of Mr. George Cole, surgeon of Ely. He was known as the author of "Rural Months and other Poems."

March 6 1835

Valuable Freehold and Copyhold Estates
At Prickwillow near Ely.
To Be Sold by Auction,
By C. Legge and Son
At the Club Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 12th March inst., precisely at six o'clock in the evening.

The property of the late Mr. William Thompson:

Lot 1. A desirable Freehold and Copyhold Fen Farm comprising a capital Farm House with Barn, Stables, and other necessary outbuildings, Labourer's Cottages, and 140 Acres of superior Fen Land, in high condition, situate in Burnt Fen, in Ely, and adjoining the river Ouze, by which the produce may be conveyed to the best markets in the Counties of Cambridge and Norfolk; now in occupation of Mr John Burgess under a lease, seven years of which are now unexpired at a clear yearly rent of £12.17s.

Seventy-seven Acres of this Lot are Freehold and the remainder Copyhold of the Manors of Ely Porta and Ely Barton, paying a quit rent of 8s.3d yearly.

Lot 2. Two Acres and a Half (more or less) of Freehold Land, with the Cottages or Tenements thereon erected and built, situate in Little Shell, near Prickwillow, now in occupation of George Cross, Mrs G. Thorpe and others.

Lot 3. A Freehold Cottage or Tenement, with a small piece of Garden thereto belonging, situate in Middle Fen, near Prickwillow, now in occupation of James Simper.
Further particulars enquire of Auctioneers or Mr Jesse Claxton, Solicitor, Ely.

Marriage – On Thursday last, at Littleport, in the Isle of Ely, Mr George Sussom, gardener of this town, Cambridge, to Miss Mary Luddington of Littleport.

Death – On the 24th ult., in the 50th year of his age, Mr Skeats, organist of St Georges Chapel, Windsor, and formerly organist of Ely Cathedral. He was a man of great musical talent, and highly esteemed by a large circle of friends, both public and private, who will long lament his loss.

March 13 1835

Conservative Dinner at Ely – A numerous party of friends and supporters of Messrs. Yorke and Eaton, dined together at the White Hart Inn, on Thursday 5th inst., to celebrate their return to Parliament, Thomas Page, Esq., presiding. Many loyal and constitutional toasts were given and drank with great enthusiasm, and the meeting was ably addressed by several gentlemen.

The proceedings were most gratifying to the numerous and respectable party assembled, and the company returned to their respective homes, much pleased with the excellent and praiseworthy conduct of their chairman, as well as with the general arrangements of the Meeting. Messrs Barrett, Magee, and Freemantle added much to the pleasantness of the evening, by their excellent singing; and the host, Mr. Matthew Scott, served up the dinner in the most satisfactory manner.

Burnt Fen First District
Notice is hereby given, that a general Half-yearly meeting of the Commissioners, acting under the several Acts of Parliament now in force for the Drainage of the above District, will be held at the White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 26th March inst., at twelve o'clock at noon.
Thos. Archer, Clerk to the Commissioners
11th March 1835

Notice is hereby given that Henry Revell Reynolds Esq., His Majesty's Chief Commissioner for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, will, on the twenty seventh day of March, 1835, at the hour of Ten in the forenoon precisely, attend at the Court House at Ely, and hold a Court for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, pursuant to the Statute.

March 20 1835

Padnal and Waterden Fens.
Notice is hereby given, that a General Meeting of the Commissioners acting under an Act of Parliament passed in the 8th year of the reign of his late Majesty, for improving the Drainage of part of the south level of the fens, and the navigation of the Rivers passing through the same, will be held at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Wednesday 1st April next, at eleven o'clock forenoon, pursuant to the direction of the said Act.
Thomas Archer
Clerk to the Commissioners
17th March 1835

South Level River Act.
Notice is hereby given that a General Half yearly Meeting of the drainage and Navigation commissioners, acting under an Act of Parliament passed in the 8th year of the reign of his late majesty, for improving the Drainage of part of the South Level of the Fens and the navigation of the Rivers passing through the same, will be held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Friday 3rd April next, at Twelve o'clock noon, pursuant to the directions of the said Act.
Thomas Archer
Clerk to the Commissioners
17 March 1835

Death – On Saturday last, at Ely, Mrs Alice Pond, in her 82nd year.

March 27 1835

Isle of Ely – Notice is hereby given, that a General Sessions of Pleas, Oyer and Terminer; and general Gaol Delivery, will be holden at the City of Ely, in and for the said Isle of Ely, on Saturday 4th April next.

The Chief Justice will attend Divine Service on Sunday morning, and proceed to business on the Monday following.
Dated 19th March 1835
Spelman Swaine, Esq.
Chief Bailiff

Isle of Ely – Notice if hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle, will be holden at the Sessions House at Ely, on Wednesday 8th April next, at Ten o'clock forenoon, at which hour the chair will be taken, and all Jurors, Constables, and Parties bound by recognizance and others having occasion to attend, are required to give their attendance accordingly.

The Justices Clerks are requested to transmit their several Depositions and Recognizances to the office of the Clerk of the Peace, at Wisbech, on the Saturday preceding.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech, March 23 1835
April 3 1835
April 10 1835
Burnt Fen First District
A Meeting of the Commissioners acting under the several Acts of Parliament now in force for the Drainage of the above District, will be held at the White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Wednesday 15th April, that at Twelve o'clock noon, pursuant to adjournment from the last meeting.
Dated this 3rd day of April 1835
Thomas Archer
Clerk to the Commissioners.

Isle of Ely Assizes – On Saturday evening last, Mr Serjeant Storks, Chief Justice of the Isle, arrived at Ely and opened the Commission. On the following morning his Lordship attended Divine service at the Cathedral, where an impressive and eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Bright.

Shortly after nine o'clock on Monday his Lordship proceeded to Court and addressed the Grand Jury, observing, that custom on this occasion required that he should address some observations to them, but on that occasion they would be very short.

He had always endeavoured carefully to abstain from topics of a temporary or political character, and confine himself to observations connected with the law and alterations to it. For many years they had been in the habit of taking to themselves much gratification for their excellent system of laws, but a more enlightened age had opened their eyes to many defects, and consequently numerous reforms had been effected, and which he believed would tend generally to the better administration of Justice. Among other alterations however, a measure had been talked of which would go to the annihilation of their functions as Grand Jurymen. It might be perhaps from early habit and a general veneration for ancient institutions, but he certainly could not enlist himself amongst those persons who projected such a plan.

He thought it important that gentlemen should be drawn together on different occasions, and be made acquainted with the laws of their country, and that different orders of society should meet to assist in the discharge of such an important public duty; nor could he believe that it was unimportant to interfere with an institution which tends to protect innocence and so much assists in furthering the ends of justice; he therefore considered that such a reform would be a change pregnant with bad consequences.

John Easy (21) and William Aungier (27) charged with feloniously stealing five live geese the property of Clement Tubbs of Littleport and Charles Moseley of Ely. The prisoners were acquitted as it hadn't been made clear that the poultry was the joint property of Mr Tubbs and Mr Moseley.

Thomas Haylock (24) Henry Feast (24) and Barton Bridgeman (23) charged with feloniously stealing two lambs, the property of Jonathan Page, Esq. of Ely – Sentenced to be transported for life.

Thomas Stringfellow (27) Thomas Potter (23) and William Cooper (25) charged with stealing twenty yards of broad cloth, twenty-five yards of lace edging, upwards of seventy yards of ribbon and other articles from the shop of Samuel Dalzell, linen draper, of Ely.

The Jury found all the prisoners guilty, and they were sentenced to be transported for seven years.

Stephen Sanderson (18) pleaded guilty to having stolen six tons of lead from the roof of the public cage in the parish of Holy Trinity in Ely and was sentenced to one months' hard labour.

George Mendham was indicted for feloniously assaulting George Thorpe, at Prickwillow near Ely, and stealing from his person two ten-pound notes and seven sovereigns on 28 November last.

The case excited great interest, and lasted till seven o'clock in the evening. The whole of the facts rested upon the credit attached to the prosecutors' evidence, which was materially contradicted.

We understand there were upwards of twenty witnesses for the defence, although only two were examined, when the jury returned a verdict of not guilty. His Lordship addressed Mendham, and said he would leave the Court with a character untainted.

This case closed the business of the assizes.

Isle of Ely Sessions – April 8th
Rev. G. L. Jenyns, Chairman

There was an application by the Overseers of Ely St Mary for an order upon the father of a bastard child, under the new Poor Law bill.

An order was made for the expences already paid and 2s per week.

Two similar cases were brought by the Overseers of the parish of Coveney, in one of which an attempt was made to oppose it, by the reputed father, but failed.

John Lenton, Thomas Lenton, Edward Moiser, Thomas Oliver, and Joseph Inkins, were indicted for creating a riot and disturbance in the parish of Doddington.

Thomas Oliver was discharged on entering into his own recognizances to keep the peace.

The jury found Inkins not guilty. The other three were sentenced to 14 days' hard labour in the House of Correction at Ely.

April 17 1835

The Spring Courts of the Rev. the Dean and Chapter of Ely, will be holden as under:-
For the Manor of Mepal, on Monday 27th April inst.
For the Manor of Sutton, on Tuesday, 28th April inst.
For the Manor of Ely Prota, on Wednesday, 29th April inst.
For the Manors of Witcham and Wentworth, on Friday 1st may nest.
For the Manor of Witchford on Saturday, 2nd may next.

Death – Yesterday, Mr Thomas Smith, waterman of Ely.

On Friday last, at an advanced age, Mrs Wilks, widow, of Ely.

April 24 1835

The address to the King from the Clergy of the Archdeaconry of Ely, signed in a few hours by a large majority of the Clergy, was presented to his Majesty on Thursday 16th inst., and received by him in the most gracious manner.

The Lord Bishop of Ely's Ordination.
will be in London on Sunday the 7th June next. Candidates for Holy Orders are desired to transmit the requisite papers to his Lordship, at Ely House, Dover Street, Piccadilly, on or before 14th May, after which they will received notice of the time and place of examination.

To Watermen and Others

Superior Gang of Lighters, Two Horses, Masts, Rigging, Lines etc.
Waterside Ely
To Be Sold by Auction. By John Cross
At the Ship Inn, on Thursday, 7th May, 1835
The following Capital Lighters etc.
A Fore Lighter, burden 16 Chaldron
A deck'd House Lighter, burden 15 Chaldron, nearly new
A deck'd House Lighter, burden 14 Chaldron
Small deck'd Fore Lighter, burden 14 Chaldron
Small ditto House Lighter, burden 14 Chaldron
Deck'd Lighter, burden 12 Chaldron
Horse Lighter, burden 7 Chaldon
Also a Horse Boat
Two powerful Horses, one six and the other seven years old, and a variety of very useful articles.

The whole will positively be sold without Reserve. Credit will be given on approved joint security for all bargains above £5 until the 1st day of January next.

A Dinner will be provided at the Ship Inn, at one o'clock, and the sale commence precisely at Two.

May 1 1835

To Builders, Contractors, Gas Factors, and others.
Whereas the Inhabitants of divers Streets in the Parish of the Holy Trinity, in Ely, have determined to adopt certain parts of an Act of Parliament, of the third and fourth years of the reign of his majesty King William the Fourth, entitled "An Act to repeal an Act of the eleventh year of his late Majesty King George the Fourth, for lighting and Watching of Parishes in England and Wales, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof;" And whereas Gas Inspectors have lately been appointed in pursuance of same.

Notice is hereby given, that the said Inspectors intend to Contract with any person or persons willing to undertake the Building of a Gasometer and to supply certain streets in the said Parish with Coal Gas; and such person or persons are invited to send in their proposals and plans (post paid) to Mr William Marshall, solicitor, Ely, on or before the 3rd of May next.
William Marshall
Clerk to the said Inspectors
April 20 1835

May 8 1835

Large Stable (to be taken down)
Ely Road, opposite Denny Abbey
To Be Sold by Auction
By Elliot Smith
On Friday 15th May, 1835 at six o'clock in the evening, on the Premises, in nine Lots.

The materials of a Pantiled Stable, as lately occupied by the Lynn Stage Coach Horses, and Suitable for Cottages, etc.

Three month credit on approved joint Security.

May 15 1835

Death – Lately at Ely, Mrs Andrews, eldest daughter of Mr Frohock, of Causeway-end, Waterbeach.

May 22 1835

Death – On Tuesday last, at Over, aged 20, Miss Trigg, niece of Mr Trigg, of Ely.

On Saturday last, at Ely, aged 61, Mrs Henry Legge.

May 29 1835
June 5 1835
June 12 1835
Death – On Tuesday last, at Exning, near Newmarket, in the 4th year of her age, Harriet Eleanor, daughter of Mr. A. R. Evans, jun., of Ely.
June 19 1835
Isle of Ely Adjourned General Quarter Sessions will be holden at the Griffin Inn, March, on Monday 29th June inst. at twelve o'clock noon, on which day, and at which hour, all business relating to the Assessment, application, or management of the Isle Stock, or rate, will commence, and be done and transacted in open court.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace.
June 26 1835
Notice is hereby given that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at the Sessions House in Wisbech, on Wednesday 1st July next at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, at which hour the chair will be taken, and all Jurors, Constables, and Parties bound by recognizance and others having occasion to attend are required to give their attendance accordingly. The Justices Clerks are requested to transmit their several Depositions and recognizances to the office of the Clerk of the Peace, at Wisbech, on the Saturday proceding.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech.
July 3 1835
Classical and Commercial School
Forehill, Ely
Mr W. Trigg returns sincere thanks to his Friends for their liberal patronage and support, and respectfully announces that the duties of his School will resumed on Monday 20th July.
July 10 1835
Wisbech – Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions July 7
Before Rev. H. Fardell, Chairman, and a full bench of magistrates –
The King against the inhabitants of Mepal for a nuisance Adjourned.
Prisoners
Joseph Noble of Downham, charged with stealing 30 sheaves of reed from Huntingdon Martin, of the same parish, on 20th April last – Guilty.
One month's imprisonment and hard labour.
Thomas Markby for an assault on Richard Thorpe, constable of Ely, on 27 April last.
Counsel for defendant produced a writ of certiorari, commanding the bill to be sent to the Court of King's Bench. Ordered.
July 17 1835
Birth and Death – On Friday last, the lady of the Rev. H Fardell, of a son, which survived only a few hours.
July 24 1835

July 31 1835
Birth – On Saturday last, in the College, Ely, the lady of the Rev. J. H. Sparke, of a son.

Growing Crops of Corn
Ely Fields
To Be Sold by Auction
By Matthew Scott.
On Monday 3rd August next, at the White Hart Inn, in Ely, at 8 o'clock in the evening punctually.

A	R	P	
13	3	0	Of wheat, in Lots of Two Acres each
			Capital standing crops.

11	3	0	Of Barley ditto
	2	0	Of Oats ditto
3	6	0	Of Beans ditto

Credit on approved security for bargains above £5 till 1st October next.
Further particulars apply to the Auctioneer.

Sale by Private Contract
A capital
6 Horse Power Thrashing Machine
3 Horse ditto
For Particulars apply to the Auctioneer, Market Place, Ely.

August 7 1835

August 14 1835

Isle of Ely Assizes Wisbech

The Commission of this assize was opened on Saturday last, and the Chief Justice attended divine service on Sunday morning, when an excellent and appropriate sermon as preached by the Rev. W. Howarth, of March. The Court met at 9 o'clock on Monday morning when the Grand Jury were sworn in – Tycho Wing Esq., foreman.

In briefly addressing the Grand Jury, the Chief Justice said he was happy to find that the calendar was not marked by any atrocious crimes.

He hoped (if it should please Providence to spare his life) when he should have the honour of seeing them again to lay before them the result of an inquiry which was begun by his late lamented friend, William Watson, Esq., and one in which he felt zealously interested, viz. the advantages of education.

After enlarging upon the subject, he said he observed by the calendar that 9 out of 15 of the prisoners were unable to read or write; and another circumstance, which he had often remarked was the youth of most of them – the oldest of whom on the present occasion was only 33. What was the cause of crime in them, or why the middle-aged should be more exempt from it, he should recommend as a subject of anxious inquiry to the Magistracy. He then alluded to one or two of the cases, one of which was horse stealing under very peculiar circumstances, and (unlike ordinary cases) which appeared more like fraud; but he had no doubt from the depositions that the case would amount to that crime. In the case of Mary Glyn, by a recent Act it was not necessary for an unlawful concealment that the child should be born alive. He closed with a few usual remarks.

Two cases of theft from Ely

James Sindall and Edward Peters were charged with breaking into a lodge belonging to Henry Veal, at Ely, and stealing four live ducks – Verdict – Sindall guilty – seven years transportation; Peters – not guilty.

The said Edward Peters, and John Jackson and William Ellis, were indicted for breaking into the dwelling-house of Joseph Levitt, of Ely, and stealing a gold ring, a silk handkerchief etc. Verdict Peters guilty – transported for life - the others not guilty.

August 21 1835

Death – On Thursday 13th inst., after a short illness, Mrs Charles Moseley, of New Barns, Ely.

August 28 1835

About one o'clock on the morning of Sunday last, an alarm was given that a fire had broken out on the premises of Mr Muriel, surgeon, in Ely, but we are glad to say it was extinguished before it had proceeded far. It originated in the soot in a foul flue having caught fire during the day, and not being perceived, it communicated to the building and some billeting in the room above. We cannot imagine what might have been the extent of its ravages had it not been perceived so soon, as a

warehouse belonging to Mr Anslow, grocer and druggist, and containing articles of a very inflammable nature, was close to the building in which the fire originated.

The prompt assistance of the inhabitants soon put a stop to its progress. The young man in the employ of Mr Anslow had with great presence of mind removed the gunpowder from the warehouse on the first alarm, and even before he thought of dressing himself.

September 4 1835

To School Assistants

Wanted immediately or at Michaelmas next, a Young man accustomed to Tuition, to superintend the English Department and to take entire charge of the Pupils in practical Land Surveying.

Letters (post paid) stating age previous engagements, and salary expected, addressed to A. B., Post Office, Ely, will meet attention.

The most unexceptionable references will be required.

September 11 1835

September 18 1835

Burnt Fen First District

Notice is hereby given, that a General Half-Yearly Meeting of the Commissioners acting under the several Acts of Parliament now in force for the Drainage of the above District will be held at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Thursday, 1st October next, at twelve o'clock at noon

Dated 7th September 1835

Thos. Archer, Clerk to the Commissioners.

Farm to Let – Possession at Michaelmas next.

A Comfortable Dwelling House, Barns, Stables, and other outbuildings, 120 Acres of Arable and 24 Acres of Pasture Land, in the occupation of Mr George Riches, situate at Wentworth, within four miles of Ely.

Apply to Messrs. Newton and Woodrow, land agents Tombland Norwich.

September 25 1835

October 2 1835

The Revising Barristers for the County and Isle, commenced their circuit at Ely on Tuesday, and the following list will shew the result of their proceedings up to Wednesday evening. It will be seen that so far, the Conservatives have nothing to fear.

Ely	
Objectives to Conservatives	19
Struck off	13
Objections to Radicals	14
Struck off	6
March	
Objections to Conservatives	11
Struck off	0
Objections to Radicals	7
Struck of	2
Whittlesey	
Objections to Radicals by Conservatives	32
Struck off	24
Objections by Overseers to Conservatives	2
Objections by Overseers to Radicals	16
All Struck off	

October 9 1835

Isle of Ely General Quarter Sessions of the Peace will be holden at the Sessions House, in Ely, on Wednesday 21st October inst., at Ten o'clock, forenoon at which hour the chair will be taken.

October 16 1835
Littleport and Downham District.
Notice is hereby given that the General Half-Yearly Meeting of the Commissioners of the above District, will be held at the White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Wednesday 28th Oct. inst., at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, being the last Wednesday in the month.
Dated 5th October 1835
Wm. Marshall
Clerk to the Commissioners.
October 23 1835

November 6 1835

November 13 1835
November 20 1835
The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, for the Isle of Ely, will be holden, by adjournment at the Sessions House, Ely, on Thursday 26th November inst., at eleven o'clock forenoon.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech Nov. 16 1835

Death – On Friday last, aged 53, after a few days illness, universally and deeply regretted, Mr John Hill of Ely, for 31 years the faithful and confidential clerk of Mr. H. R. Evans of that place. Mr Hills had by his assiduity and intelligence gained the respect of a numerous circle of friends and acquaintance, and obtained several public and important appointments, the duties of all which he discharged with credit and fidelity. He has left a wife and nine children to deplore his premature and deplorable loss.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, and such other Gentlemen as may be appointed Guardians of the intended Union of Ely Trinity, Ely St. Mary, and adjacent Parishes, under the New Poor Law Amendment Act.
Gentlemen
I beg leave most respectfully to offer myself as a Candidate for the Clerkship of the above proposed Union, and to solicit your votes and interests at the time of the election; begging to assure you that my utmost exertions would be used to insure a satisfactory fulfilment of its duties.
I am, Gentlemen
Your very obedient servant
William Claxton
Ely, Nov. 15th 1853

November 27 1835
To those Magistrates and Gentlemen who will constitute the Board of Guardians for the contemplated Ely Poor Law Union.

Sirs,
It being my intention to become a candidate for the situation of clerk to the Board of Guardians, I most respectfully solicit the favour of your suffrages on the occasion, assuring you, that should I succeed, my most unremitting attention shall be paid to the various duties of the office.

I am, your most obedient servant, Wm. Marshall, jun, Ely Nov. 25th 1835

December 4 1835
Turnpike Road
Leading from the Lamb Corner, in Ely, to the Chequer Corner in Downham, Norfolk, called "The North District".
In pursuance of a Requisition from Three of the Trustees of the said Turnpike Road, Notice is hereby given, that a special Meeting will be holden at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Wednesday, ninth day of December next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, on general business.
Dated 18th November
H. R. Evans, Clerk.

Caution – Furious Driving and Riding.
A few days since a respectable farmer at Haddenham, whose name we forbear publishing, was convicted before the Bench of Magistrates at Ely, in the full penalty of £5 for riding in his own wagon, drawn by three horses, and driving the same furiously in the town of Ely, to the great danger of the inhabitants. From the number of serious accidents that arise from such criminal conduct, the Magistrates have resolved to lay the full penalty in all cases of conviction for breach of the law in this respect.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, and such other Gentlemen as may be appointed Guardians of the intended Union of Ely Trinity, Ely St Mary, and adjacent Parishes, under the New Poor Law Amendment Act.
Gentlemen
I observe in my application for the situation of Clerk to the Union, which must take place, I have a Competitor in Mr William Marshall, jun., of Ely. If the Union does not extend beyond Ely, I would at once withdraw from a contest; but embracing as it must the Parishes adjacent, I should be wanting in duty to myself and family to forego the opportunity now offered.

I come forward under the advice and at the request of many sincere friends, and I beg your kind support and co-operation to carry my wishes into effect.

It is my fixed intention to proceed to a Poll
I am, Gentlemen,
Your very obedient servant
William Claxton,
Ely Nov 28th 1835
P.S. I have annexed a testimonial below, as a proof that I have had experience in parish business, and am, consequently, competent to do the duties of the office.

Bury St Edmunds, Nov. 23 1835
Dear Sirs, I very cheerfully, and with great satisfaction bear my testimony to the correct and efficient manner in which you executed the duties of Clerk to the Court of Guardians, in this borough, during the time you were with Mr. Topple, all which period I was Deputy-Governor of the Court; and I can also undertake to say that if Mr Benjafield had been living (who was Governor at the same time), he would have readily borne the same testimony, both as to the attendance on the Court and on Vestry.
Wishing you every success
I am, dear Sir, yours truly
M. Grayson
To Mr. Wm. Claxton, Attorney, Ely.

December 11 1835
Turnpike Road

Leading from Cambridge to Ely, and from thence to Soham, called "The South District".

Notice is hereby given, that an Adjourned Meeting of the Trustees of said Turnpike-road, will be holden at the Red Lion Inn, in Ely, on Wednesday 30th December inst., at eleven o'clock forenoon, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of erecting a Side Gate by the side of the Turnpike road leading from Ely to Witchford, across the road commonly called the Old Mile-Stone Road, and opposite or nearly opposite a place called Cooks Harp, and on general business.
Dated 9th December 1835
H. R. Evans, Clerk

December 18 1835

Coleseed, Padnal, Ely
To Be Sold by Auction by Matthew Scott.
On Thursday 24th December inst., at the White Hart Inn, in Ely, at Six o'clock in the evening.

Twenty Acres (more or less) of Coleseed, a Capital Crop, one of the best in the neighbourhood, the first of the "Thirty Acres Lots", Second Drove in Padnal, in the Parish of Ely Trinity, the property of Mr Thomas Day, who will show the same.
For particulars enquire of the Auctioneer
Market Place Ely

Household Furniture, Stock in Trade
Shop Fixtures etc. Ely.
To Be Sold by Auction, by J. Wentworth.
This Day, Friday, Dec. 18th 1835, exactly at Ten o'clock on account of the shortness of the days.

All the Household Furniture, Stock in Trade etc. of Mr. Alexander Rodie, a Bankrupt.
(by direction of the Assignee).

Padnal and Waterden Fens
Payment of Taxes
Notice is hereby given, that the Commissioners of the above Fens, acting under an Act of Parliament passed in the eighth year of the reign of his late Majesty, for improving the Drainage of part of the South Level of the Fens, and the Navigation of the Rivers passing through the same, have assessed, taxed, and charged all the lands subject to inundation, lying within the above fens, with a Tax of Three Shillings per acre, and that the same will become payable on the 1st of January next, and is directed to be paid to Mr. Wm. Marshall, the Treasurer to the said Commissioners, at his office in Ely.

And notice is hereby also given, that every Owner or Occupier liable to the payment of the above Taxes, and neglecting or failing to pay the same within 28 days after the 1st January, will forfeit, and be required to pay to the Commissioners, for every such omission, the sum of three shillings and four pence for every twenty shillings due for such rates and taxes, and so in proportion for any less sum.
Dated 12th December 1835
Thos. Archer
Clerk to the Commissioners

December 25 1835

Death – On Friday last, at his residence in the Market Place, Ely, Mr Christopher Legge, aged 85 years.

January 1 1836
Classical and Commercial School
Fore-Hill, Ely
Mr W. Trigg gratefully acknowledges the very liberal patronage of his friends, and respectfully announces to them and the public, that the duties of his school will be resumed on Monday 18th January.

A Classical Assistant is wanted – one who is well accustomed to the general business of a School.
January 8 1836
Marriage – On Saturday last, at Northwold, Norfolk, Mr John Muriel, surgeon, of Ely, to Miss Mary Langham of the above place.
January 15 1836
Isle of Ely Sessions Wisbech Jan 6th
Before the Rev. W. G. Townley, and other Magistrates.
The Chairman in his address, alluded to the unfortunate state of Whittlesea, respecting which a special order was made at the last sessions. He took occasion to remark on the very inefficient state of the constables throughout the villages and small towns of the Kingdom, and expressed a hope that the Poor Law Commissioners, who in their circuit of usefulness through the country must be impressed with the same conviction, could bear out his statement most fully, would, when the machinery of the New Poor laws was once set in motion, direct their attention to it, and make some representation to Government on this most important subject. He regretted to have to state that since the date of the order of the 21st October last, there had been forty-six fresh cases of felony and misdemeanour, two only of which had been brought home to the offenders.
January 22 1836
Burnt Fen First District
Payment of Taxes
Notice is hereby given, that the Commissioners of the said District did, at an adjourned half-yearly meeting holden at the White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Wednesday 15th April 1835, assess, rate tax and charge all and singular the Fen Lands and Low Grounds within the said District, except such a lie beyond the Cross Bank with a tax of one shilling and sixpence per acre, and a gradual acre tax not exceeding one shilling and sixpence per ace, and a further gradual acre tax not exceeding three shilling per acre on each and every acre of the said Fen Lands and Low Grounds, and so on in proportion for any less quantity than an acre; and that the said several Taxes have been ordered by the said Commissioners to be paid to me as their Receiver, at my office in Ely within the month of February next.

And Notice is hereby also given, that any person liable to the payment of the said Rates and Taxes, and omitting to pay the same to me for 20 days from the 29th February, will forfeit and be required to pay to the said Commissioners by way of penalty for every such omission, the sum of Three shillings and four-pence for every twenty shillings of the Rates and Taxes which shall so in arrear and unpaid, and so in proportion for any less sum than twenty shillings.
Dated 16th January 1836
Thomas Archer
Clerk and Receiver to the said Commissioners
January 29 1836
Death – On Thursday last, aged 28, Mr Thomas Goodlife of Braham Farm, near Ely, after a severe illness of nearly two years.

Association for the Prosecution of all kinds of Felony within the Hundred of Ely and

South part of the Hundred of Witchford.
A Meeting of Members will be held at the Club Inn, in Ely, on 6th February next between the hours of two and four in the afternoon.
Henry Pigott, Agent

Whereas by Indenture, bearing date the 28th day of January now instant, Mary Chandler, of Ely, in the County of Cambridge, Widow, Plumber and Glazier, hath assigned all her personal Estate and Effects unto Christopher Legge, of Ely aforesaid, auctioneer, (with a covenant to convey a Copyhold Estate at Ely aforesaid), for the mutual Benefit of such of her Creditors as shall execute the said Indenture, or declare their consent thereto in writing, within two calendar months from the date thereof.

Notice is hereby given that the said Deed will lie at my office, in Ely, for such signatures; and all persons indebted to the said Mary Chandler are requested to pay the amount of their respective debts to the said Christopher Legge, within one month from the date thereof.
By Order
William Claxton
Solicitor, Ely.
February 5 1836
February 12 1836
February 19 1836
Isle of Ely
Notice is hereby given, that a General Sessions of the Pleas, Oyer and Terminer, and general Gaol Delivery, will be held at Ely, in and for the said Isle of Ely, on Saturday 27th February inst.

The Chief Justice will attend divine service on Sunday, and proceed to business on Monday morning at nine o'clock precisely.
Dated 13th February 1836
Spelman Swaine Esq.
Chief Bailiff.
February 26 1836
Ely – On Saturday last the principal streets of Ely Trinity were lighted up with coal-gas. And on Sunday evening, and since that time, the lamps have been most effective. The contractor (Mr George Malam, engineer, of Lynn) has furnished the works in the most satisfactory manner. The lamps are well-made and full sized, placed upon elegant painted cast-iron pillars. These, and the brilliancy of the lights have much improved the appearance of this ancient city. Several private burners already ornament the shops and inns and fresh orders are given daily. The inhabitants are much pleased and satisfied; and it is hoped Mr Malam's acknowledged liberality in the performance of the works will be rewarded by general support.
March 4 1836
Turnpike Road – Leading from Cambridge to Ely, and from thence to Soham, called "The South District".
In pursuance of a Requisition from three of the Trustees of the said Road. Notice is hereby given, that the General Annual Meeting of the said Trustees, will be holden at the White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Wednesday 23rd March next, at eleven o'clock forenoon; and Notice is hereby also given that at the said Meeting new Trustees will be chosen to supply the vacancies in the said Trust occasioned by death or otherwise.
Dated 29 February 1836
H. R. Evans, clerk.

Turnpike Road –leading Lamb Corner in Ely, to the Chequer Corner in Downham Norfolk, called "The North District".

The General Annual Meeting of the Trustees of the said Turnpike Road, will be holden at the Red Lion Inn, in Ely, on Friday 25th March next, at eleven o'clock forenoon; and at the said meeting new Trustees will be chosen to supply the vacancies in the said Trust, occasioned by death or otherwise.
Dated 29th February 1836
H. R. Evans, clerk.

Isle of Ely Assizes
The commission of assize was opened at Ely on Saturday evening last. On Sunday morning the Chief Justice, Henry Storks, Esq., attended divine service in the Cathedral, where an appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. Richard Hart, curate of Littleport. His Lordship proceeded to Court precisely at nine o'clock on Monday morning.

His lordship in his address to the Grand Jury expressed his regret that the circumstances of the Country should have considered it necessary to require their attendance so early, but could assure them it was quite unavoidable. The cases in the calendar would require but few observations from him. The offences in general were small, although numerous; he perceived that ten of the prisoners were unable to read and write, and that eight of them could do so. No great change had taken place in the criminal justice of the country since he last met them. There was one subject which had been received with much attention and interest by the House of Commons, he meant that of allowing the Counsel the privilege of addressing the Jury on behalf of a prisoner. Whether this step will tend more effectually to the elucidation of truth, and the vindication of innocence must be at present a question of great doubt. Certainly, however, it was an anomaly in the English law that in many cases, particularly in the very important one of treason, this privilege should be afforded, and yet denied in cases of felony. There was one case in the calendar, attended with peculiar circumstances, to which he would briefly direct their attention. It was a charge against Robert Harlock, for stealing a quantity of goods from the house of Mr Giscard, of Ely. It appeared that the wife of the prosecutor had concurred with the prisoner in effecting the robbery. The wife is incapable of feloniously taking the property of her husband, for although she has really no property of her own, they (the husband and wife) are so connected and identified together that she cannot commit a felony upon his property; it was, however, a question whether a felony had not been committed if another party concurred in the transaction. From what he had seen in the depositions he should recommend them to find the bill, as there was clearly sufficient evidence to justify them in putting the case into a course of investigation.

In this case the jury returned a verdict of not guilty, which was received with loud cheering in the body of the court and Harlock was conducted to his house in triumph.

John Granger was charged with an attempt to commit a felony, by advising Elizabeth Maile to take a noxious drug for the purpose of procuring abortion. The two parties lived in the service of Mr Geo. Hall of Ely; the female was, however, compelled to leave some months since, but Granger was still living in the house. His master and many of the principal inhabitants of the town gave him a most excellent character, and the jury after retiring for upwards of an hour, delivered a verdict of not guilty.

John Blayton (20) was found guilty of assaulting James Barrett, a constable of Ely, in the execution of his duty, sentenced to four months' hard labour.

These 3 cases were the only ones from Ely.

March 11 1836

March 18 1836

Death – On Monday last at Ely House, Dover St., London. Mrs Sparke, the beloved wife of the Bishop of Ely.

On Thursday the 10th inst., a meeting of the owners and occupiers of the Isle of Ely and the Bedford Level was held at the White Hart, Ely, W. Layton Esq. in the chair, at which a petition was adopted condemning the Tithe Commutation Bill before Parliament, and submitting that no mode of

Commutation ought to be adopted that is not based on the principle of rendering to the tithe-owner a fixed portion of the rent, calculated on the fair annual value of the land, and fluctuating with the value of corn; and that in valuing the fen lands, the expence of the improvements in drainage, the liability to inundation, and the annual drainage and embanking taxes, ought to be taken into consideration.

March 25 1836

Isle of Ely

Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, will be holden at the Sessions House in Ely, on Wednesday 6th April next, at Ten o'clock forenoon, at which hour the chair will be taken, and all Jurors Constables, and Parties bound by recognizance and others having occasion to attend are required to give their attendance accordingly.

Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace

Wisbech March 23. 1836

To the Guardians of the Ely Union

Gentlemen

I beg to offer myself as a Candidate for the Office of Auditor to the Ely Union, and most respectfully to solicit the favour of your votes and interests. Should I have the honour to be appointed, I trust, from an experience of upwards of 16 years in parochial affairs, that I shall be able satisfactorily to discharge the duties of the office.

I am, Gentlemen

Your very obedient Servant

Marshall Fisher

Ely March 23 1836

Ely Union Contract for Bread and Flour.

The Board of Guardians give notice, that they will, at their Meeting, to be held at Shire Hall, in Ely, on Wednesday 13 April next, receive Tenders for supplying until 24th June next, good seconds and good Thirds Flour, at per sack, to the several parishes in the Union.

Also for supplying, for the same period, Bread, made of the same qualities of Flour, at per quartern loaf.

N.B. The Contractors will be required to engage to weigh and deliver out the Flour in the respective parishes, in such quantities and at such times as the Board of Guardians shall direct. The Contracts may be for the whole or for any one or more of the parishes.

Tenders for the above to be sent to the Clerk, in writing, under seal, on or before 12 April next, and samples of articles tendered for must be produced at the meeting. Security will be required from the persons whose Tenders are accepted, for the due performance of the contract.

By Order of the Board

Wm. Marshall jun.

Clerk

April 1 1836

Ely Union – Relieving Officers

The Board of Guardians will, at their Meeting to be held at the Shire Hall, in Ely, on Wednesday 13th April next, receive applications from candidates for the situation of Relieving Officer in the above Union.

The Guardians having been directed to appoint Two Officers, with a salary of £80 per annum each, have divided the Union into Two Districts, as follows:-

First District

Ely Trinity	Littleport	Witchford
Ely St. Mary	Downham	

Containing a population of 10,948

Second District

Haddenham	Sutton	Witcham
Mepal	Whitworth	Coveney
Stretham	Wilburton	Thetford

Containing a population of 6,379
One Receiving Officer will be required to reside in Ely and the other at Haddenham.

The Candidates will be expected to attend personally at the Meeting, with testimonials of character and ability, and will be called upon (if appointed) to devote their whole time to the duties of the office.
By order of the Board
Wm. Marshall, jun., Clerk

Ely Union
Master and Matron of Workhouse
The Board of Guardians, at their Meeting to be held at the Shire Hall, in Ely, on Wednesday 13th April next, will receive applications for the situations of Master and Matron of the Workhouse in Ely Trinity parish.

A Man and Wife, without incumbrance, will be preferred.

Salary £45 per annum, together with the run of the workhouse provisions for themselves only.

The Candidates will be expected to understand and keep accounts, and must attend personally at the Meeting, with testimonials of character and fitness.
By order of the Board
Wm. Marshall, jun., Clerk

April 8 1836

Death of the Bishop of Ely
On Monday last, died at Ely House, Dover St., London, aged 77, the Right Reverend Bowyer Edward Sparke, D.D. Lord Bishop of Ely. Visitors of St Peter's, Jesus, and St. John's Colleges, and Visitor to the Master of Trinity College. His Lordship was formerly Fellow of Pembroke College Cambridge; B.A.1782; M.A. 1785; B. and D.D. 1830. He was consecrated Bishop of Chester, in 1809, and translated to Ely in 1812.

Mr David Fortington, agent to Messrs Foster's banking establishment at Ely, is appointed Treasurer to the Ely Union, under the New Poor Law Amendment Act.

April 15 1836

The funeral of the late Lord Bishop of Ely will take place in the Cathedral at Eleven o'clock tomorrow morning. We understand that many of the clergy of the diocese will attend.

The very Reverend the Dean (Dr. Wood, Master of St. John's College,) will read the funeral service.

The arrangement of the Bishopric we understand is now fixed. Dr Allen, to be Bishop of Ely.

Death – On Monday last, 11th inst., at Ely, Anne Muriel Bidwell, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Charles Bidwell, aged 18 years; and on the 12th inst., Brooke Branwhite, the infant son of Mr. Brooke Muriel, of Ely

The Spring Court of the Rev. the Dean and Chapter of Ely, will be held for the Manor of Ely Porta, on Wednesday 27th April inst.

April 22 1836

Death – On Monday last, at Ely, aged 54 years Elizabeth, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Samuel Kempton, grocer and draper of that place.

Ely Union

Wanted a piece of Freehold Land containing from One to Two Acres, in the immediate neighbourhood of the city of Ely, for the purpose of erecting a Union Workhouse thereon.

The Board of Guardians of the above Union will receive proposals for the same, at their Meeting at the Shire Hall in Ely, on Wednesday next 27th inst.

By Order of the Board

Wm. Marshall jun., Clerk

An inquest was held on Monday the 11th inst. at Ely St Mary's before Mr. H. R. Evans. Jun., coroner for the Isle of Ely, on view of the body of James Saunderson, an infant of 7 years old, whose clothes during the almost momentary absence of his mother caught fire, and he was so dreadfully burnt that he died. Verdict accordingly.

April 29 1836

Ely Union

Contracts for the Supply of Workhouses.

The Board of Guardians of the above Union are desirous of Contracting for the supply of such quantities of the undermentioned articles, as may from time to time be required at the Workhouses of Ely Trinity and Ely St Mary, within the said Union, for such period as may be agreed upon.

Sealed Tenders to be delivered to me at Ely (free of expence), with samples of such of the articles as will admit thereof; on or before 3rd May next.

Iron and double bedsteads, of various sizes, at per bedstead; dimensions and workmanship to be stated in the tender.
Stout Ticking cases, for flock beds, Bolster and Pillow Cases, at per doz. each; size and particulars to be stated in the tender.
Blankets of various sizes, at per doz; size and weight to be stated.
Woollen Rugs, at per pair.
Sheeting at per yard; and coloured cotton counterpanes at per doz.
Flocks at per lb, well cured.
Men's grey cloth Coats and Waistcoats, and Trousers, at per doz.
Boy's grey cloth and fustian Jackets, Waistcoats, and Trousers, at per doz.
Mens', Womens', Boys' and Girls', ankle and low Shoes at per doz. pair.
Mens' and Boys' high water-tight Shoes, at per doz. pairs
Mens' and Boys' strong worsted stockings) | At per doz. pairs
Womens' and Girls' ditto
Stout twist, calilco, and dowlas shirts, for Men and Boys at per doz.
Hats, caps, and Smock frocks, for Men and Boys at per doz. each;
tenders to state materials of same.
Flannel for women's petticoats, Dowlas and Calico for shirts and shifts, at per yard.
Cotton and Linen Check for aprons, at per yard.

Blue check Handerchiefs, at per doz.
Linsey-woolsey and brown Stuff for gowns and petticoats, at per yard.
Leather and jean Stays, at per pair.
Coals at per ton, according to the quality.
Turf at per 1000
Good Beef, consisting of clods, stickings etc., without bone, and short fore-quarters; and good Mutton, Bacon, and Suet; all at per stone of 14 lbs for each article.
Good cheese, Butter, mottled soap, East India Rice, oatmeal, salt, moist sugar, and Pearl-ashes; all at per cart.
Good dip candles or store candles at per doz.
Potatoes, and Split-peas, sound and free from husks, at per bushel.
Black Tea, pepper and Mustard, at per lb.
Table Beer (brewed from malt and hops only) new unskimmed genuine milk, and Vinegar, at per gallon.

Persons wishing to contract for the supply of any of the above articles, are requested to be very particular in the description thereof; and it would be desirable if they could attend personally at the Meeting of the Board, at the Shire Hall, in Ely, on Wednesday 4th May next.

It is competent for any person to tender for any of the above articles separately, or for one or both of the said Workhouses; and every person whose tender is accepted will be required to sign an agreement, with two sureties, for the due performance of the contract.
By Order of the Board
Wm. Marshall, jun., Clerk
May 6 1836
Mr George Legge of Ely, has been elected Auditor to the Ely Union under the new Poor Law Act.
May 13 1836
The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, for the Isle of Ely, will be holden by adjournment, at the Sessions House, in Ely, on Thursday, 19th May next at eleven o'clock forenoon.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech
May 20 1836
Bedford Level Corporation – The Annual Whitsun
Meeting of the Board, will be held at the White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Wednesday 25th May inst., at 10 o'clock, forenoon. The Corporation Meeting for the election of the Governor, Bailiffs, and Conservators will take place at the Shire Hall, at Ely, on the same day at 12 o'clock, afternoon.
Samuel Wells, Register
Fen Office.

Death – On the 10th inst., at Wisbech, aged 75, Mrs Giscard formerly of Ely.

Marriage – On Tuesday last, at Ely, Mr John Cross, jun., merchant, to Miss Kempton.
June 3 1836
June 10 1836
Death - on Sunday last, at Ely, Thomas Tall, aged 77 years, who lived in the service of one master, Mr John Cropley, of Ely, more than half a century – an honest, faithful, and industrious husbandman.

Ely Union - Contracts for Bread and Flour
The Board of Guardians of the above Union give notice, that they will at their Weekly Meeting to be held in the Shire Hall, in Ely, on Wednesday 22nd inst., receive Tenders for supplying the

Workhouses of Ely Trinity and Ely St Mary's, and the Out-door Paupers of the several parishes of the Union with the following articles from 25 June, to 29th September next.

Good Thirds flour, at per sack of 20 stone Bread, made of the same quality flour, at per quartern loaf.
By Order of the Board
Wm. Marshall, jun., Clerk

Ely Union – Medical Contracts.
The Board of Guardians of the above Union hereby give notice, that they have divided the same into the Five following Districts, for the purposes of Medical Relief.

First District	(Population 4,440 – Ely St Mary's, Littleport)
Second District	(Population 4,233) – Half Ely Trinity, Downham, Coveney
Third District	(Population 3,940) – Half Ely Trinity, Thetford, Witchford, Stretham, Wentworth.
Fourth District	(Population 2,410) – Haddenham, Wilburton
Fifth District	(Population 2,314) Sutton, Witcham, Mepal

and Medical Gentlemen (duly licensed) willing to furnish Medical Relief to the Paupers of the said Districts, from the 25th June inst., to 25 March, 1837 are invited to send to me (free of expence) on or before Wednesday next 15th inst., Tenders in writing, sealed up and indorsed "Medical Tenders."

The Tenders to include due and punctual attendance on all medical and surgical cases, medicines, leeches, instruments, operations, and all other medical requisites and applications, according to the nature of each case; as well as vaccination of all paupers within each District, whether belonging to any parish of the Union or not, or under suspended orders of removal or otherwise (trusses and midwifery alone excepted): but the Tenders to state a sum per case at which the Medical Gentlemen will, on receiving proper order, attend paupers in cases of midwifery, they being allowed to employ midwives on their own responsibility.

The Medical Gentlemen contracted with, will also be required to attend coroners inquests, to visit the paupers in the workhouses situate in their district, to give certificates and make a return according to the form directed in the regulation of the Poor Law Commissioners (which may be seen on application to me), and to give his attendance at the meetings of the Board of Guardians, when summoned; but they will be allowed (with the approbation of the Board) to enter into any subsidiary contract or to procure assistance among their medical friends.
By Order of the Board
Wm. Marshall, jun., Clerk.
June 17 1836

June 24 1836

July 1 1836

July 8 1836
Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions
Wisbech, 29th June 1836
Before Rev. Wm. Hardwicke, Chairman, and a full bench of Magistrates.

Henry Rapor was put to the bar, charged with having stolen from John Chevell, of Ely, on 23 May last, a velveteen frock, - Guilty 2 months' imprisonment and hard labour.

On the motion of Mr Pryme:

Matthew Cuttriss charged with having received lead from the following prisoners was admitted evidence for the crown.

Matthew Cuttriss stated that he had bought lead of the prisoners, being called out of bed to receive part of it. Matthew Cross and John Johnson, charged with having stolen a quantity of lead from John Gotobed, of Ely.

Cuttriss sold it to Mr Gotobed, plumber, of Ely, who with Bacon the Constable, compared it with the lead left on the building and found it to correspond exactly; other witnesses corroborated Cuttriss's evidence with respect to Cross, but not Johnson who was found not guilty – Cross guilty.

7 years transportation.

John Wilson, Christopher Porter, and Richard Burridge, of Littleport, pleaded guilty to a charge of defrauding one of the Relieving officers of the Ely Union.

14 days' imprisonment and hard labour.

July 15 1836

July 22 1836

July 29 1836

Premises well adapted for the business of an Ironmonger
Grocer, Draper, Druggist, Clothier etc.
Ely
To Be Sold by Auction
By C Legge & Son
At the Lamb Inn, in Ely, in the evening of Thursday 4th Aug. next.

The following Valuable Estates

Lot 1. A recently erected Messuage, situate near the top of the Fore Hill, in Ely, having a large Shop in front, a sitting room, a drawing room and 5 bedrooms, with garden and spacious Yard, containing convenient Workshops, Warehouse, Stable, and other outbuildings, which can be approached by a back entrance near the vineyards. The premises are now in the occupation of Mr Jeremiah Giscard, by whom and his predecessors a very extensive and profitable business in the Ironmongery Trade, has been carried on for upwards of Thirty years.

The Buildings are in excellent repair, and possession may be had at Michaelmas next.

Lot 2. Eight brick and tiled Tenements adjoining each other, situate in Newnham, in Ely, with Yard, convenient Lodges and Outbuildings, and also a large Garden and Orchard, well planted with excellent fruit trees. And Two other brick and tiled Tenements and Lodges behind same, all in good repair, and now in occupation of Mary Poole, widow, John Newman and others.

Both Lots are Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Porta.
Half the Purchase money may remain on Security of the Premises and immediately afterwards.

Will be Let by Auction for a Term of Years Three Cottages in Broad St. in Ely, with Yard, Lodge and Storeroom to the same belonging.

A Piece of valuable and highly cultivated Garden Ground, partly enclosed by a brick wall, and an orchard containing altogether Two acres (more or less) now in the occupation of William Cuttriss and others.

Possession may be had at Michaelmas.

For further particulars enquire of the Auctioneers or Mr Archer Solicitors.

August 5 1836

Death on Friday last, at Ely, generally esteemed and regretted, aged 33, Mr William Jarman, of the Chapel Royal, Windsor.

August 12 1836

Death – On Tuesday last, after a short illness, Mr Wm. Lawrence, farmer, of Ely.

Isle of Ely Assizes, opened at Wisbech on Saturday last, on Sunday the Chief Justice attended divine service, when aa excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. H. Fardell. Business commenced at nine o'clock Monday morning. No cases from Ely.

Mercantile Establishment
At Ely
To Be Sold by Auction
On Thursday 25th August inst., at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, at Seven o'clock in the evening, in One or more Lots, to be determined upon at the time of sale.

A Messuage, situate in the Fore-Hill, in Ely, with large Yards, Garden, and extensive Outbuildings belonging to it, now in the tenure of Mr Trigg, and previously occupied by Mr Charles Bidwell, by whom, and his predecessors, a business to a considerable extent in the Brewing and Mercantile Lines was carried on for many years.

The principal part of the Estate is Freehold.

Possession may be had at Michaelmas next, and further information obtained on application to Mr. Archer, solicitor, Ely.
August 19 1836
August 26 1836
Death – On Monday last, Ann, second daughter of Mr Dench, solicitor, of Ely.

On Wednesday last the Lord Bishop of Ely was installed by proxy in the Cathedral church of Ely with the usual ceremonies. The attendance as usual on such occasions, was numerous, and the service of the choir was solemnly performed.
September 2 1836
September 9 1836
The Lord Bishop of Ely, will hold his first ordination on the 27th November next at Ely, and in March next in London.
September 16 1836
Ely Union Contracts
The Board of Guardians give notice that they will at their Meeting at the Shire-hall, in Ely, on Wednesday 28 inst., receive Tenders for supplying the Workhouses of Ely Trinity and Ely St Mary, and the Workhouses for the time being, and the out-door Paupers of the several Parishes of the Union with the following articles, from 30th Sept., inst, to 25th December next.

Good Thirds Flour – at per stone
Bread of same quality Flour – at per 4 lb loaf and 2 lb loafs

Also Provisions and Clothing from 30 September inst., to 25th March 1837
Instructions and Conditions same as last quarter.
September 23 1936
September 30 1836
October 7 1836
Death – On the 10th April last, at Gumsoor, East Indies, of fever, Lieut.-Col George Muriel, of the 14th Regiment Madras Native Infantry, formerly of the 8th Regiment, and eldest son of the late Robert Muriel, Esq., of Ely.

October 14 1836
October 21 1836
Ely Fair – This horse fair will take place on Saturday 29th inst., and it is said that the farmers and graziers intend exhibiting a better and larger quantity of stock than usual, and the extensive and excellent grazing land in the neighbourhood of Ely certainly renders it desirable that farmers and dealers in general should support the fair. The "Mill Pitts", where the cow fair is held, has been much improved, a new Turnpike road having been made to the spot. The business of the Cow fair commences at 10, and the horse fair at 12 o'clock.

Turnpike Road, leading from Lamb Corner Ely, to the Chequer Corner in Downham, Norfolk called "The North District". Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Trustees will be holden at the Bell Inn, Ely, on Tuesday 15 November next at 11 o'clock forenoon, for the purpose of Letting the Tolls arising at Scottings Bridge Turnpike gate, and on other business.
18th October 1836,
H. R. Evans. Clerk

Ely Union – Collector of Poor Rates etc.
The Board of Guardians give notice, that they will, at their Weekly Meeting, to be held at the Shire Hall, in Ely, on Wednesday 26th inst. proceed to appoint a Collector of the Poor Rates and other moneys of the Ely District, containing the following Parishes.

Ely Trinity, Ely St Mary's, Littleport, Downham and Witchford.

Average Annual Expenditure fro the 3 years ending Lady-day, 1835 (on account of the Poor only) (£8983).

The Collector will be appointed Assistant Overseer for the said Parishes, and will be required to make and collect the Rates, besides fulfilling numerous other duties which may be ascertained on a personal application to the Clerk.

The remuneration will be in the shape of a poundage on the sums received.

All persons desirous of becoming Candidates must send to me (free of expence) before 9 o'clock of the morning of that day, their name, address, and the names and addresses of two respectable persons as sureties, who will be required to join in a bond for the faithful performance of the office.
By Order of the Board
William Marshall, jun., Clerk

To the Guardians of the Ely Union
Gentlemen

I beg to offer myself a Candidate for the situation of Collector and Assistant Overseerer for the Ely District, and most respectfully to solicit the favour of your votes and interest.

Having been in the office of Vestry Clerk of Ely Trinity Parish nearly seventeen years, and during the last five Vestry Clerk of Ely St Mary and Witchford parishes. I hope will be a sufficient recommendation.

If honoured with the appointment, I will endeavour, by a strict attention to the duties of the office, to deserve the confidence reposed in me.

I have the honour to be Gentlemen

Your very obedient servant
Marshall Fisher
Ely Oct 14 1836

October 28 1836

November 4 1836

Marriage – Yesterday at Landbeach (by the Rev. E. Addison) Mr John Willars, of Ely, to Mrs Morley, widow of Mr Joseph Morley, and eldest daughter of the late Mr. John Bull, landlord of the Bull Inn Landbeach.

November 11 1836

Marriage – On Tuesday last, at Ely, Mr Jonathan Cooper, wine merchant of Bury St Edmunds, to Mary only daughter of George Stevens, Esq., of Ely.

November 18 1836

November 25 1836

To Contractors and Builders

Persons willing to contract for the Erection of a Farmhouse, with Barn, Stable, Cart Lodge, etc. on an Allotment of land near Stretham Ferry belonging to the Governor of the Poor Lands in Ely, are requested to deliver Tenders at a Meeting of the Governors to be holden at the White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Saturday 3rd December next, at 11 o'clock forenoon.

Plans and Specifications of the proposed Buildings may be seen at the office of Hugh Robert Evans jun., solicitor, Ely, Clerk to the Governors.

December 2 1836

December 9 1836

Ely Union – Contracts for Bread and Flour.

The Board of Guardians give notice that they will at their Weekly Meeting at the Shire Hall, in Ely, on Wed. 14 December inst., receive Tenders for supplying the Workhouses of Ely Trinity and Ely St Mary, and the Workhouses for the time being, and the Out door Paupers of the several Parishes of the Union as divided into the Ely and Haddenham District with Bread and Flour, from 26th December to 25 March next.

By Order of the Board
Wm. Marshall jun.
Clerk

December 16 1836

Ely Union – Medical Contracts

The Board of Guardians of the above Union hereby invite Medical Gentlemen (duly licensed) willing to furnish Medical and Surgical Relief to the Paupers of the said Union, for one year from 25 inst., to send to me (free of expence) on or before 10 a.m. Wed. next 21st inst., Tenders in writing, sealed up and endorsed.

"Medical Tender for the Parish or Parishes of ---------"

By Order of the Board
William Marshall, jun., Clerk

December 23 1836

Isle of Ely

Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle will be holden at the Sessions House in Wisbech on Wednesday 4th January next, at 10 o'clock, forenoon, at which hour the chair will be taken, and all Jurors, Constables, and Parties bound by recognizance, and others having occasion to attend, are required to give their attendance accordingly.

The Justices Clerks are requested to send their several Depositions and Recognizances to the office of the Clerk of the Peace, at Wisbech, on or before the Saturday preceding.

Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech, Dec., 20, 1836

Ely Union
The Board of Guardians request all Persons having any demands upon the above Union to send in their Bills to me, on or before Friday 30th December inst., containing full particulars of all articles furnished or work done on account of the said Union, up to and including the 25th inst., in order that they may be forthwith examined and paid. And they further give notice that the payment of all bills not delivered as aforesaid, will be postponed till the expiration of the following quarter.
By Order of the Board
William Marshall, jun.
Clerk

We are happy to hear that the Dean and Chapter of Ely have most liberally subscribed £100 towards the rebuilding of St Andrew's church in Cambridge.
December 30 1836

January 6 1837
Death – On the 28th ult., at Ely, in the 37th year of his age, Mr. William Winstanly, nearly twenty years a confidential clerk in the office of Messrs Evans and Archer, Solicitors, of that place.

January 14 1837
Classical and Commercial School
Fore Hill, Ely.
Mr W. Trigg returns his most grateful acknowledgments to his friends for their very liberal patronage and support, and respectfully announces that the present vacation will terminate on Monday, 16th January.

January 21 1837
Caution to Hostlers and Grooms – On Tuesday last, Mr. Thomas Spencely, of the Bell Inn, Ely, directed his hostler to put a horse into his gig for a little training; this man, in company with another groom, no doubt to save extra trouble in cleaning, drove into the river at the waterside near the gray, to wash the horse and gig, but driving too far the gig floated, and the bearing rein being unfortunately up the horse lost all power of action from the strength of current and depth of water. A person named Lusson, and several bargemen rendered prompt assistance or both horse and men must have found a watery grave. The practice of trusting boys to water horses in deep rivers is very common, but highly dangerous and improper.

Parson's trustees have been very judicious in distributing funds of that charity, taking the good conduct and industrious habits into consideration, coals of the best quality are sold to the poor of Ely generally, by the trustees, at 8d per bushell.

Ely Market has been well supplied lately with store bullocks, empty cows, springers, Norfolk and Suffolk store pigs etc. The corn market very much improves. Good samples of oats meet a ready sale, other sorts of grain remain stationary.

January 28 1837
Death – On Saturday last, at Ely, of influenza, Mary Isabella Matilda, the infant daughter of the Rev. John Henry Bright, great grand-daughter of General Bright, of Clifton, and of the late Sir George Dallas, Bart.

February 4 1837
Death – On Saturday last, at Ely, at an advanced age, Thomas Bartingale, sen., one of the bedels of the Cathedral.

On Wednesday last, Mrs Ingram, widow of Mr. B. Ingram, formerly gardener, of Ely.

Isle of Ely – The waters in the fens assumed an alarming aspect after the late heavy rains and snow, having been within about 12 inches of high water mark. On Wednesday there was a fall of six inches, and the banks and works, are now considered out of danger.

On Friday evening last, Mr Richard Worster, butcher, of Ely, had two capital sheep slaughtered in a ground in Cawdle Fen; the heads and skins were left behind. From the manner in which they were dressed it is believed butchers were engaged in the theft. No discovery has yet been made. Mr Worster lost two sheep last year.
On the same evening Mr. John Garratt, grocer, lost his fowls.

To the Editor of the Cambridge Chronicle.
Sir – The inhabitants of Ely and neighbourhood are highly dissatisfied at the selfish desire of the Wisbech people wishing to force them by an Act of Parliament to attend assizes at that place. It is bad enough to lose the Assizes at Ely, but to be compelled to go 30 miles, (and many towns are

more than that distance) to Wisbech, when Cambridge is only 16 from Ely and other places a less distance, it is so evidently wrong, that comment is unnecessary to shew its injustice.
Had the Wisbech people confined themselves to a proper boundary, the business would have appeared in a very different light.
The little map they got up was nicely managed – the surveyor no doubt had his directions – the expences of the new Gaol, etc., would have been little short of £20,000.
Great credit is due to the Rev. Dr. French, Thomas Page Esq., the Rev. G. Millers, and the other magistrates of this district, for their zealous opposition to this unfair measure.
The next step will most likely be to propose the moving of the cathedral from Ely to Wisbech by steam!
A meeting of the magistrates and rate payers will be held at the Shire Hall, in Ely, on Thursday the 9th to oppose any bill that may be brought into Parliament.

Ely Feb. 1 1837
An Ely Juror
February 11 1837
Proposed Central Assize at Wisbech
A meeting of the Magistrates and landowners in the Isle of Ely, resident at Ely and Chatteris and the adjoining Hundreds, was held at Ely on Thursday last, to consider the plan for establishing a central assize at Wisbech; the Rev. George Leonard Jenyns in the chair.
The meeting was fully and respectably attended, nearly all the magistrates and most of the principal land owners from the southern division of the Isle and Chatteris being present. A very strong feeling prevailed against the measure, and resolutions in opposition to it, were moved and seconded by John Fryer and Thomas Page, Esqrs., and supported by Thomas Fryer, Esq., the Rev. Dr. French, Daniel Fryer, Esq., and others, and unanimously adopted.

We are happy to state that the Influenza has considerably abated here. It wore a threatening aspect at the beginning of the week, but has proved fatal in but few cases.

To Watermen, Merchants, Etc.
Valuable Gang of Ten most excellent Lighters
Two Horse Boats
4 powerful young Water Horses, Materials, etc
To Be Sold by Auction
By C Legge & Son
At the Ship Quay, in Ely, on Wednesday 1st March, by order of the executors, and without any reserve whatever.

The following truly valuable gang of lighters Horses and materials etc. The property of Mr William Laws, late of Ely, deceased and long known as the best and most complete Gang navigating the stream between Lynn, Ely, Cambridge, Bury etc.

Comprising

Great Fore Lighter burthen			20 tons
Decked House Lighter		20 tons	
Third decked	"	20 tons	
Little Fore Lighter		18 tons	
Little decked House Lighter			18 tons
Sixth decked		"	20 tons
Seventh decker	"	18 tons	
Eighth	"	"	18 tons
Ninth	"	"	17 tons
Tenth	"	"	15 tons

Also Four very powerful young Water Horses Likewise a very large and complete assortment of materials, necessary for navigating so large a Gang, all of very best quality, consisting of sails, masts and rigging, anchors, lines, gears, steering and jambing poles, fests, corn, victual and sail barrels, corn and coal shovels, sprits, tarpaulins, horse gears, beef kits, etc.
Twelve months' credit will be given on approved joint security for all bargains amounting to £5 and upwards.
The Sale will commence punctually at ten o'clock and a Cold collation will be provided for the company at the Ship Inn.

February 18 1837

February 25 1837
Deaths – On Sunday last, at Ely, Elizabeth, wife of Mr. L. Dench, Solicitor, of that Place.

On Friday last, Mrs. Bard, wife of Mr. G. Bard, draper, of Ely.

March 4 1837

March 11 1837
On Monday the 2nd inst., an inquest was held at Ely, before Mr. H. R. Evans, Jun., one of the coroners of the Isle of Ely, on view of the body of a new born male child, which was that morning found in a privy in that city, with its head severed from its body. It appeared that a person named Neal had lately taken a tenement in Newnham, in Ely, and on emptying the privy discovered the child; suspicion fell on the family of William Sallis, who had recently quitted the occupation of the house, and after a very long and patient investigation, during which positive proof was adduced that Elizabeth Sallis, only 16 years of age, had been recently delivered of a child.
The miserable girl made a long and circumstantial confession of having herself perpetrated the dreadful murder, and, as she stated, without the knowledge of any other person. The jury returned a verdict of wilful murder; and the girl has been committed by the coroner to Cambridge Castle for trial at the approaching assizes. The knife with which the unnatural crime is stated to have been committed, has been since found, though not in the situation described by the girl: and there are circumstances which tend to excite suspicion that some other persons are implicated in the transaction; nothing has, however, at present transpired to criminate any other parties, but the matter will probably be further investigated by the magistrates. The affair has created a strong sensation in Ely.

On Monday last, an inquest was held before the same coroner, on view of the body of Sarah Mote, a child of the age of 3 years, who was accidentally killed on Saturday proceding, by the sail of a mill, situate on the bank of the old Bedford River, near the hamlet of Manea, but in the parish of Downham, in the Isle of Ely. Verdict accordingly.

Ely Union Contracts
The Board of Guardians give notice, that they will, at their weekly Meeting, at the Shire Hall, in Ely, on Wednesday 22nd inst., receive Tenders for supplying the Workhouses of Ely Trinity and Ely St Mary, and the Workhouses for the time being, and the Out door Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief Districts, with the following articles from 29th inst., to 27 June next inclusive
Good Thirds Flour, at per stone;
Bread made of the same quality Flour, at per 4lb Loaf to be delivered at the Workhouses at such times, and in such quantities as the Board of Guardians shall order, and to be supplied to the Paupers in every parish in such quantities as shall be expressed in Tickets issued by the Relieving Officer. The Tenders must be for supplying one Relief District at least.
They are also desirous of contracting, from the said 29th inst., to the 26th Sept. inclusive, for such quantities of the undermentioned articles as may from time to time be required at the said Workhouses.
Provisions etc

Good Beef (without bone), fore quarters of Mutton, and Suet, all at per stone.
Cheese, Rice, and Potatoes, at per cwt.
Hard yellow soap, Salt, moist sugar, Oatmeal, and Soda, at per stone.
Butter and Tea at per lb.
Dip Candles, at per doz.
Peas at per bushel
Milk at per gallon; and Small Beer, at per barrel
Turf at per 1000; and coals at per ton.

Clothing etc.
Men's and Boy's grey cloth and fustian Suits complete, at per dozen
Men's. Women's, Boy's, and Girls high-ankle and low Shoes, and strong worsted Stockings, at per dozen pairs.
Dowlas shirts for Men and Boys at per dozen
Hats for Men and Caps for boys, at per dozen
Flannel for petticoats. Hemp for shirts and shifts, and calico, at per yard.
Check for aprons, and Linsey Woolsey, at per yard.
Bonnets for Women and Girls, at per dozen

Sealed tenders containing full description of the articles tendered for, with the names and address of the proposed surety, and indorsed "Tender for Flour." (or as the case may be) to be sent to me at Ely (free of expense) on or before 9 a.m. of the 22nd inst., and samples of such of the above articles as will admit thereof must be produced at the meeting. Each Contractor to give such security for the performance of his contract as the Board of Guardians may require. The Guardians do not pledge themselves to accept the lowest tender.

N.B. – All persons having any demands upon the above Union, are requested to send in their bills to me on or before 10 a.m. of Wed., 29th inst., containing full particulars of all articles furnished, or work done, on account of the said Union, up to and including 28th inst., in order that they may be examined.
By Order of the Board
Wm. Marshall, jun., Clerk.

Annual Election of Guardians
Ely Union
The Churchwardens and Overseers of the Several parishes, comprised in the above Union, and hereinafter named, will, in pursuance of the order of the Poor Law Commissioners for England and Wales, proceed on the 27th March, to the Election of the number of the Guardians of the Poor set opposite the names of such parishes for the year ending 26th March 1838.

Ely Trinity
6 Guardians Witcham
1 Guardian
Ely St Mary
3 " Wilburton
1 "
Littleport
3 " Witchford
1 "
Haddenham
2 " Mepal
1 "
Downham
2 " Thetford
1 "

Sutton
2 " Wentworth
1 "
Stretham
1 " Coveney
1 "

Any person entitled to vote in any of the said parishes may propose, as the Guardians thereof, any number (not exceeding the number to be there elected) of persons who are severally rated to the poor-rates of any parish in the Union in respect of property of the annual value or rental of £20. The proposal must be written, and must state the names, residences, and callings, of the persons proposed, and the name of the proposer; and must be delivered to one of the Churchwardens and Overseers of such parish on or before 30th March inst.

Owners of rateable property in such parish, as well as ratepayers, are entitled to vote provided their names are on the register of owners, or if they send in to the Churchwardens and Overseers before the day of election, their claims to vote, with a statement of their names and address and a description of their property.
Owners may also vote by proxy, but proxies must make the statement above-mentioned for their principals, and transmit to the Churchwardens and Overseers, the originals or attested copies of their appointments.
In case of a contest for the office of Guardian in any of the said parishes, the votes will be given in papers to be left by the Churchwardens and Overseers, two days at least before the day fixed for the election, at the houses of those residents of the parish who are then entitled to vote. All residents out of the parish, and all persons who become entitled after that day, must apply to one of the Churchwardens and Overseers for voting papers on the day of election.
The forms of nomination and voting papers may be seen and copied by voters at my office in Ely.
William Marshall, jun.
Clerk to the Board of Guardians.

March 18 1837
Death – On Sunday last, very suddenly, being found dead in her bed, Mrs Legge, wife of Mr. Christopher Legge, shoemaker of Fore-hill, Ely.

To Merchants and Others
Desirable Stables, Granaries, etc
Ely
To Be Let by Private Contract
and entered upon at Lady-day next
Two Stables, capable of holding 8 horses, with Hay and Straw Lofts over, and 2 Large Granaries near to the same; together with a large and convenient Yard to the same belonging; situate in Broad Street in Ely, late the property of Mr William Laws deceased.
For further particulars enquire of Mr. W. Legge, builder, or of Messrs Legge and Son, Auctioneer, Ely.

About 20 Tons of Excellent
Highland Hay, Handcart and other effects, Ely
To Be Sold by Auction
By C. Legge & Son
On Thursday next, 23rd March, precisely at Three o'clock, afternoon, on the premises of the late Mr. Wm. Laws, situate in Broad St, Ely, by order of the executors. Two Stacks of excellent Highland Hay well got up and secured; will be divided into four Lots, for the convenience of purchasers.

Also a good 2-light Hot-bed Frame, Handcart, chaff-box, wheelbarrow, hog tub and form. 3 pails, two water tubs, several lots of deal boards of different lengths and thicknesses, bushel and strike, lot of oak posts and willow poles, drag-rake, forks, hay-rake, hay spit, hay-knives, lot of bricks and tiles, beef-kit, mattock, and other useful articles.

Three months credit, on approved security, for the Hay, and the whole will be sold without reserve.

March 25 1837
Death – On Monday last, at Ely, Harriet, wife of Robert Evans, jun., Esq., Solicitor.

April 1 1837
Very Desirable Estate at Ely
To Merchants, Maltsters & Brewers
To Be Sold by Auction
By Matthew Scott
At the White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 13th April at six o'clock in the evening precisely, the following most Valuable and Extensive Property in one Lot -
Consisting of a capital Brick Dwelling House, with Counting-House and other offices and yard, Garden Stables, and Coach House attached.
Also an extensive Malting, with 13 quarter steep, and with large Barley Chamber above it, Malt-Kiln, and Malt Chamber, and Granaries over the Malting, extending along the whole length of the building.
Also a small but convenient Brewery adjoining fitted up with 13 barrel Copper, 6 quarter Mash-Tub, hand-mashing machine, and other suitable utensils, making a very complete plant, and with store-rooms adjoining.
Also a capital and well accustomed Inn, called "The Cutter", adjoining the private dwelling house, with stabling for 14 horses, and other convenient Out-buildings.
Also a Lime-Kiln adjoining with lodges.
Also a Dwelling House used as a Tap to the Cutter Inn, situate in Broad St., with excellent cellar, Liquor-Shop, and out-buildings, the whole connected with the Cutter-inn by a good Yard and Garden.
The above premises are in excellent repair part being newly built, and are worthy the attention of Merchants, Maltsters, and Brewers, being in full trade and situate at Ansdale Quay, in Ely, adjoining the river Ouse, and lying on the main line of navigation between Cambridge and Lynn, and extending from the river to Broad St.
The Malting, Granary and Brewery are copyhold of the Manor of Ely Porta, and the remainder of the premises are Freehold.
The Brewing Plant may be taken or not, at a valuation, at the option of the purchaser.
Further particulars may be obtained from Messrs Evans & Son, Solicitors, Ely, or to Mr M. W. Cutlack, the proprietor.

April 8 1837
Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions
Wednesday April 5 1837
Before the Rev. G. L. Jenyns, and a full bench of Magistrates.
Thursday

Mary Lupson was indicted for stealing money, and Sundry other articles, the property of her master, Mr Cutling, a druggist residing at Ely. The jury found the prisoner guilty, but recommended her to mercy. A memorial was then handed to the Court in favour of the prisoner and her aged parent, signed by a great many respectable inhabitants of Ely. The prisoner who was of an interesting appearance, seemed to feel very acutely the situation in which she was placed.
Sentence – One months' imprisonment.

Thomas Cross was indicted for fraudulently obtaining from Henry Howe, the relieving officer for the Ely Union, a ticket or order for flour and bread, to the value of 4 shillings, by stating he had no bread for his family, well knowing his statement was false.

Guilty – three months' hard labour.

April 15 1837
Bedford Level Corporation
The Board will meet at the Lamb Inn, Ely, on Wed. 19 April inst., at 10 o'clock forenoon, for imposing the Tax, and for other business.

April 22 1837
Death at Ely – Mr William Wright, aged 58 years. He lived in the service of Mrs Waddington's family for the space of 32 years, and was highly respected for his honesty, integrity and good conduct.

April 29 1837
We publish the following letter which has been addressed by the Receiver General of the Diocese of Ely to the Editors of the Bury Post and the Cambridge Independent Press to show our readers, if that were wanting, upon what untenable grounds our Radical contemporaries can malign the characters or memories of good men.

Sir – I have only this morning seen an extract from your paper of the 29th March last, wherein it is stated that when the present Bishop went to Ely, he found a paddock, which had always been used and enjoyed by the Bishops successively, under a lease, and the three lives upon it were the two sons and the daughter of the late Bishop, and that Dr Allen had to buy the lease, or hire at a high rent his own paddock. As you have been led by misrepresentation of the facts to make this statement. I trust that you will feel it to be a matter of justice to the memory of the late Bishop to insert the case as it really was.
The paddock referred to was a very desirable appurtenant to the palace at Ely, but is was, as it always had been, part of a farm which had been granted by the See of Ely, by leases for lives for very many years.
In the year 1815, the late Bishop Dr Sparke, purchased this paddock of the lessee, and then granted a separate lease of it to a trustee for himself for three lives, in the usual manner, at an apportioned rent. The late Bishop by his will directed that his successor in the See of Ely should have the option of purchasing it at a fair valuation, and if he declined the purchase that it should be sold within three months after his (the late Bishop's) decease. The present Bishop decided upon so taking it, and the price of the existing lease was estimated by Mr. Morgan, the actuary, at a certain rate of interest agreed upon by the respective solicitors on the part of the present and the executors of the last Bishop, and this upon the annual value set upon it by the surveyor employed be the late Bishop, and now by Mr. Allen; and the trustees under the last Bishop's will accordingly convey the property to the present Bishop.
You have also been misled in regard to the law providing that every Bishops' lease shall be sanctioned by the Dean and Chapter, no such law exists – such sanction is only requisite as to concurrent leases for 21 years, respecting which, as to the successor, it can be of no importance whether such concurrent leases by made to A or B, as the existing and concurrent lease together can never exceed 21 years.
I am, Sir, your obedient servant
Recr. General, to the See of Ely
E R Pickering
Lincoln's Inn, April 19 1837

May 6 1837

May 13 1837
Ely Union
Registrars of Births and Deaths

The Board of Guardians of the above union give Notice that at their meeting on Tuesday 16th inst., they will appoint Four Registrars of Births and Deaths for the four Registration Districts into which the Union has been divided.
No.1
"The Ely District" comprising the parishes of
Holy Trinity Ely
St Mary's Ely

No. 2
"The Littleport District" comprising the parishes of
Littleport
Downham

No. 3.
"The Sutton District" comprising the parishes of
Sutton
Coveney

Mepal
Wentworth

Witcham
Witchford

No. 4.
"The Haddenham District" comprising the parishes of
Haddenham
Stretham

Wilburton
Thetford

Every candidate must be an Inhabitant resident within the District for which he shall apply to be appointed Registrar.
The emoluments of the office will be made up of Fees and the sum of two shillings and sixpence for the first 20 entries of Births and Deaths in every year, and one shilling for every subsequent entry.
The Duties of the Office are to be found in the Act of Parliament.
Persons desirous of being appointed must send to me (free of expense) on or before Monday 15th inst., notice thereof in writing, with testimonials of fitness, and are requested to attend the Meeting of the Board on the following day.
By Order of the Board
William Marshall, jun., Clerk.

May 20 1837
Death at Ely, on Monday last, Charles, infant son of Mr Brooke Muriel, aged five months.

May 27 1837
Most Desirable Property
In St Mary's Parish, Ely
To Be Sold by Private Contract
Situate in St Marys' parish, in Ely, consisting of an exceedingly good Brick and Tiled Messuage, with garden Lodges and Outbuildings behind, and a neat Tenement adjoining: two good Barns and Stables, large stock-yard, well fenced off, and a Close or Paddock of excellent Pasture Land, lying

at the back-side of the whole premises containing One Acre (more or less), now in the tenure of Mr. John Goodbody.
Also a newly-erected Brick and slate Messuage with Garden in front and behind, and adjoining the before mentioned premises, now in the tenure of Mr. John Goodbody.
The above estate is most pleasantly situated near the entrance into the town of Ely, next the turnpike road leading from Ely to Cambridge. The whole of the buildings are in excellent repair, and may be viewed on application to Mr. John Goodbody.
The whole of the Buildings, Garden, stock-yard, etc., are Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Porta. The Paddock is Freehold.
Also another newly-erected Messuage, with convenient offices and small Garden, situate at the top of Bugs' Hill in St Mary's Parish, now in the tenure of Mr. Lancaster, Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Porta.

June 3 1837
New Union Workhouse, Ely
To Builders and others
Notice is hereby given, that the Plans and Specifications of the above Workhouse, will lie at my Office in Ely, and at the Office of Mr. W. J. Donthorn, 18 Hanover St., Hanover Square, London, from and after Wed. 14th June inst., until Saturday 24th for the inspection of persons desirous of contracting for the works required in its erection.
The works are to be commenced immediately.
Sealed Tenders indorsed "Tender for New Union Workhouse," to be delivered at my office (free of expense) by 10 o'clock in the morning of Wednesday 28th June, on which day the Board of Guardians will meet at the Shire Hall, in Ely, for the purpose of receiving and deciding upon the same.
Security will be required for the due performance of the contract, but the Board do not pledge themselves to accept the lowest or any of the tenders.
By Order of the Board
William Marshall, Jun.
Clerk to the Ely Union.

June 10 1837
Club Commercial Inn,
Market Place, Ely
Sale of Furniture and other effects
To Be Sold by Auction
By Matthew Scott.
On Monday and Tuesday 19th and 20th June. On the Premises in occupation of Mr. Wm. Thorpe (who leaves the Inn at Midsummer next.)

June 10 1837
Isle of Ely
Adjourned Sessions will be holden at the Sessions House, Ely, on Thursday 15th June inst., and by further adjournment at the Sessions House, Wisbech, on Saturday 17th June inst., at eleven o'clock forenoon of each day.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace

Ely Union Bread and Flour Contracts
The Board of Guardians give notice, that they will at their Weekly Meeting at the Shire Hall, in Ely, on Wednesday 21st inst., receive Tenders for supplying the Workhouses of Ely Trinity and Ely St Mary, and the Out-door Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief Districts, with the following articles, from 28th inst., to 26th September next.
Good Thirds Flour, at per stone.
Bread made of the same quality flour (24 hours old) at per 4lb Loaf.

By order of the Board
Wm. Marshall, sen., clerk

Ely Union – Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages
I, William Marshall, the younger, of Ely, in the Isle of Ely, and County of Cambridge, Superintendent Registrar for the Ely Union, hereby give notice,
That George Cole of Ely aforesaid, surgeon, has been duly appointed Registrar, and Marshall Fisher, of the same place, Deputy-Registrar, of Births and Deaths for the Ely District.
Comprising the parish of the Holy Trinity in Ely, with the Hamlet of Stuntney, and the parish of St Mary, in Ely, with the Hamlet of Chettisham excepting such detached parts of the two parishes as are situated and included in the Sutton District, and also excepting a Fen called Ely-Westmoor, lying North-west of Grunty-Fen Drain, which is included in the Littleport District.
That Robert Cheeseright, of Littleport, Shopkeeper, has been appointed Registrar, and Matthew Cheeseright, of the same place, shopkeeper, Deputy-Registrar of Births and Deaths, for the Littleport District.
Comprising the parishes of Littleport and Downham, and comprising also a Fen called Ely-Westmoor, lying North-west of Grunty-Fen Drain; and also all such detached parts of the parishes of the Union as lie North-west of the Old Bedford River, and North of Vermuydens Drain.
That James Shinn Allen, of Witcham, schoolmaster, has been appointed Registrar, and William Wright, of the same place, Deputy-Registrar of Births and Deaths, for The Sutton District.
Comprising the parishes of Sutton, Mepal, Witcham, Coveney, Wentworth and Witchford, and including also all such detached parts of Ely Trinity and Ely St Mary as lie intermixed with the aforesaid parishes; excepting such parts thereof as lie North of Vermuyden's Drain, which are included in the Littleport District.
And that Henry Robinson, of Haddenham, schoolmaster, has been appointed Registrar, and William Cuttriss, of the same place, cordwainer, Deputy Registrar, of Births and Deaths, for
The Haddenham District.
Comprising the parishes of Haddenham, Wilburton, and Stretham, with the Hamlet of Thetford.
And I hereby further give Notice, that the aforesaid Marshall Fisher and Henry Robinson, have been appointed by me (with the sanction of the Board of Guardians) Registrars of Marriages, in the above Union.
Dated this 7th June, 1837
William Marshall, Jun.,
Clerk to the Ely Union, and
Superintendent Registrar.
June 17 1837
Valuable Wash Land
To Be Sold By Auction
By C. Legge & Son.
At the Red Lion Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 22nd June inst., between the hours of six and eight in the evening.

The following valuable Lots of Wash Land,
Lot 1. Nine Acres (more or less) of Land lying in the Hundred –Feet Washes, in the parish of Witcham, and now in occupation of Mr Charles Cox, abutting on Gall Fen Drove north, and the Hundred-Feet River South, and lying between lands of Mr. John Chambers, east, and Mr. Wm. Oates west.
Lot 2. Ten Acres and a half (more or less), of Land, also lying in the Hundred-feet Washes, in the parish of the Holy Trinity, in Ely, called, "the Long Wash," and now in occupation of Mr. James Somerset Macer, and abutting on the Old Bedford River north, Hundred feet River south, and lying between lands of Mr Wiles, west, and Mr Robert Porter, east.
Possession may be had at Michaelmas next. Lot 1 is Freehold, and Lot 2 is Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Porta. Further particulars on application to the proprietor, Mr Michael MaCormick, or to Messrs Evans and Son, solicitors, Ely.

June 24 1837
Marriage – On Tuesday last, at Trinity Church, Ely, the Rev Samuel Gatenby, to Sarah, eldest daughter of the late Seth Bull, Esq., of the same place.

July 1 1837

July 8 1837

July 15 1837
Classical and Commercial School
Fore Hill, Ely
Mr. W. Trigg returns his sincere thanks to his Friends for their very liberal patronage and support, and respectfully announces that the present vacation will terminate on Monday 24th July.

July 22 1837

July 29 1837
Abstract of the Accounts of the Treasurers of the Isle of Ely, to 21st June, 1837, passed and allowed at a Special Sessions of the Peace holden at March, in and for the said Isle, on the said 21st June, 1837.

Receipt £	S	D
By Balance of last accounts 1113	4	4½
Isle Rates 2493	1	0

The Treasure of the Town of Cambridge a moiety of contribution money paid for prisoners in the Fleet, King's Bench, and Marshalsea Prisons

5

0

0
Amount of Fines received under convictions for false and deficient measures, weights and balances
54 6 6
Amount ditto under Beer Act
Amount ditto for breach of Alehouse Licenses
Amount ditto for assaults
Amount ditto under Game and Malicious Injury Acts
A moiety of expenses on criminal prosecutions and conveyance of vagrants
733
10
4
Sums received of the Inspectors of Weights and Measures 9 16 11
Ditto on the Sale of the Register of voters revised in 1835, 1836
1
10
0
Ditto share of profits on policy of insurance for Shire Hall, Ely
16
9
Ditto for the sale of condemned weights and old iron 15 3½
Total £4412 1 2

Expenditure	£	S	D

To Expenses of conveying vagrants and offenders to gaol, relieving poor Travellers and charges of pursuing felons
125
19
1
Prosecution orders at Assizes and Sessions 1084 16 6
Expenses of Gaol and Houses of Correction 999 16 5
Ditto of Sessions Houses 12 5 4½
Repairs of Shire Halls and Houses of Correction, and for insurance and Land Tax
34
15
1
Contribution money for prisoners in the Fleet, King's Bench and Marshalsea prisons
10
0
0
Treasurers' salaries 60 0 0
Clerk of the Peace, Clerk of Assize and the Magistrates' Clerks for general business
245
1
11
Contingent Bills at Assizes, Sessions and Petty Sessions 26 11 6
Coroner's accounts 103 11 9
Salaries to the Receivers of Assize returns 22 10 0
Ditto to High Constables and others and for their incidental expenses
123
0
11
Printing, advertising, Stationers' bills, stamps, and postages 33 7 5
Repairing Bridges, and for defending the Presentment of the Bridge over the Counter Wash Drain at Mepal

78
16
1
Expenses of conveying felons to the Hulks 91 0 0
Militia Account 7
Allowance to Inspector of Weights and Measures and for incidents
10
18
0
Repairs of Tread Mills 22 9 6
Clerk of Peace bill under the reform and Boundary Acts, Printing Copies of Registers of votes and for incidental expences

144

12

4
Incidental expenses 250 7 9
Balance due to Isle 932 10 11½
£4412 1 2

H.R. Evans

Treasurers
Hugh Jackson

Turnpike Tolls to be Let.
Notice is hereby given, that the Tolls arising at the Toll-Gate upon the Turnpike-road leading from Cambridge to Ely, in the Isle of Ely, in the county of Cambridge, called or known by the names of Cambridge and Milton Turnpike Gates together with the Weighing-machine at the said Gate called the Cambridge Gate, will be let by Auction, for Three years from the 24th September next to the best bidder, at the house of Mr. Matthew Scott, called or known as the White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Wednesday 16th August next, at the hour of 12 noon, in the manner directed by the Act passed in the third year of the reign of his majesty King George the fourth," for regulating Turnpike Roads;" which Tolls produced the last Three years, the sum of Six Hundred and Eighty-two pounds per annum, above the expence of collecting them, and will be put up at that sum per annum.

H. R. Evans
Clerk to the Trustees of the Turnpike Road.

August 5 1837

August 12 1837

August 19 1837
Death – On Saturday last, at Ely, after a lingering illness, aged 55, Mr. Wm Legge, builder, leaving a wife and five children to lament the irreparable loss of a most affectionate husband and father. Much respected as a tradesman and neighbour.

August 26 1837
Cricket Match at Ely – The following persons of Ely, with an individual named Grey, late of Windsor, having challenged the tradesmen of that city, a match was played on Friday last.

The Challengers	Tradesmen
H. Archer	
J. Aspland	
G. Archer	
A. Dunford	
T. Archer	
J. Barrett	
W. Evans	
E. Scott	
F. Evans	
T. Fyson	
W. Apsey	
R. Spencely	
W. Harlock	
W. Foreman	

J. Dench
R. Freeman

H. Dench
W. Neal

- Shelverton
C. Clarke

Grey
Genn

1st Innings	36	1st Innings	70
2nd ditto	9	2nd ditto	58
Total 45	Total 128		

The Tradesmen winning by 83 runs. Messrs. Aspland and Dunford scored 46 runs, 23 each in the 1st innings, which was one more than both the innings of the challenging party. Mr Richard Freeman's bowling was excellent, and Mr. W. Harlock on the other side bowled well. The same sides played a single innings after the close of the above game, which was also won by the Tradesmen, with several wickets to go down. The ground was very numerously and respectably attended. The contending parties dined separately in the evening, on arrangement which appeared to many of the inhabitants a deviation from the good old-English feeling customary on such occasions.

August 26 1837
Eligible situations At Ely Cambs
To Be Sold by Auction, by Wm. Medland
On Thursday, 14th September 1937, at Six o'clock in the evening, at the Lamb Inn, Ely, in two Lots.
Lot1. An Excellent Residence, situate on the Fore Hill, substantially built, comprising entrance hall, dining and drawing rooms, study or breakfast room, nursery, 8 good sleeping rooms (part with dressing rooms, and convenient water and other closets). Kitchen, with two pumps of water, pantry, larders, dairy, laundry, two cellars, and other conveniences, to which is attached a convenient. Brewery,
Containing a Counting-house (with a capital Wine Cellar underneath), Clerk's Office, prime Beer Cellars with Granaries over, a Brewhouse, containing copper, mash-vat, cooler, underback, force pump, large malt mill; Malt Chambers, Cooper's Shop, and a good yard; together with an excellent Garden, nearly enclosed by an immense brick wall, well clothed with choice fruit trees.
These premises extend from the front 454 feet, a small portion of which, with the carriage entrance, is Copyhold, but the remainder Freehold.
Lot 2. Adjoining the last Lot is the Merchants Yard.
Comprising Timber and Coal Yards, Lime and Bottle Sheds, two Lime Kilns, Coal Barn and Stable in front of Bull Street, which might easily be converted into an Office and clerk's house; Waggon, Cart, and Bullock Sheds, and another good Stable and Chaise House; also a good
Farm-Yard.
with excellent Stabling and Harness-house, Hay and Straw Lofts over the same, Horse or Bullock shed, Calf Pen, and Piggeries.
A small portion of this Lot is Copyhold, but the remaining part is Freehold.
Possession at Lady-day next, further particulars of the Auctioneer, St Neots, and of Mr. Archer, Solicitor, Ely.

September 2 1837

Visitation – Notice is hereby given, that the right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Ely intends to hold his primary Visitation, for that part of his Lordships' Diocese comprised within the County of Cambridge and Isle of Ely.
At Ely, on Tuesday September 12th for the Deaneries of Ely and Wisbech.

September 9 1837
Ely Union Contracts
The Board of Guardians give notice, that they will, at their Weekly Meeting, at the Shire Hall, in Ely, on Wednesday 20th inst., receive Tenders for supplying the Work houses of Ely Trinity and Ely St Mary, and the Workhouses for the time being, and the Out-door Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief Districts with Bread and Flour, from 27 inst – 26 Dec. next, also Provisions and Clothing from 27th inst – 27th March next.

Death – On Friday 1st inst., at Ely, in the 60th year of his age, deeply regretted by his relations and friends, Mr Robert Rayner, an opulent and respectable farmer of that place.

September 16 1837
Hydrophobia at Ely – We regret to state that four persons (3 of them boys, between 7 and 12 years of age, and the 4th a girl of 15) were bitten on Friday 8th inst., at Ely, by a dog in a highly rabid state.
Several dogs were also bitten, but the extent of the mischief in that respect is not known, as the dog was at large six hours before he was killed. One of the boys was severely bitten above the right eye, and on one of his knees, and another in a hand, arm, and knee. They are interesting lads, and as well as the other children belonging to poor and industrious parents.
The Caxton Medicine has been administered in all cases, and its efficacy will be fairly tested. Recourse has been had to it on several occasions at Ely and the neighbourhood within the last 40 years, but no authenticated case of its failure has, we understand been heard of. One gentleman had two pointers bitten by the same dog, and for the purpose of experiment he administered the medicine to only one of them. That dog did not take the disease, but the other fell victim to it in a few weeks. We are sorry to add that a boy was also bitten by a mad dog at Soham, on Thursday and what adds greatly to the affliction of the parents, they lost a child about 3 years since by hydrophobia, occasioned by the bite of a cat. It is intended to petition Parliament against the use of dogs in drawing carts, by which it is conceived that the frequency of this disease is increased.

September 23 1837
Soham or Middle Fen District
The Half-Yearly Meeting of the Commissioners of the above district, will be held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 28th September inst., at the hour of eleven o'clock forenoon, for the purpose of passing the Receivers' accounts, and for transacting any other business.

Burnt Fen First District
Notice is hereby given, that a General Half-yearly Meeting of the Commissioners acting under the several Act of Parliament now in force for the Drainage of the above District, will be held at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 5th October next, at twelve o'clock at noon, pursuant to the directions of the said Act.
Thomas Archer
Clerk to the Commissioners
19th September 1837

Eau Brink Navigation
Notice is hereby given, that a General Half-yearly meeting of the Commissioners of Navigation, acting under an Act of Parliament relating to the New River or Cut from Eau Brink to King's Lynn, Norfolk, will be held at the Lamb Inn, Ely, on Friday, 6th October next, at eleven o'clock forenoon.
Fred Lane

Clerk to the Commissioners

Turnpike Road
Leading from Cambridge to Ely, and from thence to Soham etc; called "The South District"
In pursuance of a requisition from three of the Trustees of the said Turnpike-road, notice is hereby given, that a Special Meeting of the said Trustees, will be holden at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Monday, 9th Oct. next, at eleven o'clock forenoon, for the purpose of receiving and considering the report of the Committee appointed on the 28th September, 1836 for the removal of the Toll House and Toll Gate at Streatham Ferry, and on other business.
Dated 20th Sept., 1837
H. R. Evans, Clerk.

September 30 1837
Death – On Sunday last, after a lingering illness, borne with true Christian fortitude, Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the late Mr. John Harlock, of Ely, aged 54 years.

October 7 1837
Notice is hereby given that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at the Sessions-House in Ely, on Wednesday 18th October inst., at Ten o'clock forenoon, at which hour the chair will be taken, and all Jurors, Constables, and Parties bound by recognizance and others having occasion to attend, are required to give their attendance accordingly.
The Justice Clerks are requested to send their several Depositions and Recognizances to the office of the Clerk of the Peace, at Wisbech, on or before the Saturday preceeding.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Pease
Wisbech, Oct., 2. 1837

Ely Diocesan Society
For Promoting Christian Knowledge
The Subscribers to the Ely Diocesan Society are hereby informed that the Depository for Books and Tracts, is now on the Market Hill, in the house of Mrs Brown, contiguous to the office of the Cambridge Chronicle.
Oct 4 1837
T. Lund. Secretary

October 14 1837
Marriage – On Wednesday last, at Trinity Church, Ely, Mr H. Parsons, boatwright, to Mrs Bodger, widow of the late W. Bodger, of the Queens Head, Ely.
October 21 1837
Marriage – On Thursday last, at Ely, Mr. Lawrence Haylock, to Ann, daughter to Mr Francis Luddington, of Littleport.

Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions.
Before the Rev. Henry Fardell and other Magistrates The Chairman briefly addressed the Grand Jury, regretting the continued illness of their Truly respected chairman, the Rev. G. Jenyns, and observed that the calendar was not distinguished by any crime that required observation from him except that of Cross, for an assault on the constable, which appeared to have been committed more than a year ago.

Edward Murray was indicted for stealing some shoes and a quantity of leather, the property of his Mistress, Hannah Fison, of Ely. Mrs Fyson found the leather and shoes in prisoners' box in his sleeping room. Harrison her foreman swore to the leather and shoes, he having cut them out; and Mr Bacon proved the finding of the leather and a confession by prisoner that "the devil and his own wicked mind urged him in stealing it. – Verdict – not guilty.
George Fletcher, charged with having assaulted Mr Bacon, constable on 30th September last, while in the execution of his duty – Guilty 2 months' hard labour.

Jonathan Cross was charged with an assault upon Mr Bacon on 4th Sept., 1936, while in the execution of his office and two other constables proved that they were parading the streets, when defendant and his cousin drove against him and he would have been down in the gutter had not Mr. T Ellis saved him. Defendant then drew his knife and used the most horrible language swearing he would stick it into him. – Guilty six month's hard labour.

Ely
To Brewers and Others – about 300 Casks,
2 Malt Mills, 6 Barrel dray, Cart Mare, Harness etc.
To be Sold by Auction
By Matthew Scott
On Wednesday 25 October inst., on the premises of Mr. M. W. Cutlack, at the Brewery, in Broad Street, (who is declining the Brewing Business).

October 28 1837

November 4 1837

November 11 1837
Death – On Monday last, at Ely, Mr. John Harlock, an eminent brewer and Maltster, of that place, aged 50 years, after a lingering illness, which he bore with christian fortitude and resignation. His death will long be regretted by a numerous circle of friends and severely felt by his poorer neighbours to whom he was always a kind friend and benefactor.

November 18 1837
Death – On Friday, 10th inst., at Ely, in the 76th year of his age, Mr Benjamin Barlow, late keeper of the gaol at that place. Few men have passed through life more approved by their superiors for fidelity, in the discharge of arduous duties, or more esteemed among their equals for real moral worth.

Most Desirable Estates – Ely
To Be Sold By Auction
By C. Legge and Son
At the White Lion Inn, in Ely on Thursday next 23 Nov.,
between the hours of six and eight in the evening.
Lot 1. Three Brick and Tiled Tenements all adjoining, situate in Walpole Lane, Ely, with Lodges and Garden ground behind, now in occupation of John Collins, Edward Feast and – Butler
Copyhold of Ely Manor Porta.
Lot 2. Three Brick and Tile Tenements all adjoining situate at West End, in Ely, with Yard and Lodges behind, now in the tenure of Thomas Bates, Evans Chapman and John Partridge – Freehold.
Lot 3 Six Acres (more of less) of most excellent pasture Land, lying in Cawdle Fen, in Ely, near the Mill, next land of Mr Garrett, north; the next lot south, and abutting on Cawdle Fen Bank east, late in occupation of Mr. Wm. Haylock.
Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Barton.
Lot 4. Six Acres (more or less) of rich Arable Land lying in Cawdle Fen, and on the south side of Lot 3, late in occupation of Richard Biddal.
This lot Freehold
Immediate possession of Lots 3 & 4.
Part of the purchase money may remain on Security of the premises.
Further particulars of the Auctioneers, or of Mr. Archer, Solicitor, Ely.

Red Lion Inn, Ely
All Freehold

The above Extensive Property will be offered to Public Competition by Messrs Legge & Son, at the Lamb Inn, Ely, on Thursday 30th Nov., inst., between the hours of four and six in the evening, unless an acceptable offer shall be made in the mean time by Private Contract, and of which due notice will be given.
These Premises are situated in the centre of the High St. of Ely; including a confectioner's Shop, they occupy a Frontage of 55 feet next the High St., are 134 feet in depth, and 38 feet in width at the back entrance; and consist of a Market Room next the street, of 17. ft by 15 ft. a large dining room 37 feet in length, and nearly 16 feet in width; a small dining-room adjoining; a good Bar; a Shop and Premises; two Parlours; seven Bedrooms, two kitchens a Spacious Brewing Office, good Cellarage, Coal House, large Yard, Stabling for 20 horses, excellent Granaries, Hay and Straw Lofts; and there is a Pump of excellent spring water in the yard.
The above premises are well adapted for a spirited person who would brew superior Beer, and conduct the business of the House respectably. They have been well known as a good accustomed Inn and Market House for upwards of two centuries, until Michaelmas last. They are now in hand. They are also admirably adapted for any business requiring room and display of Frontage, being situated in the very best past of the Town.
Half the purchase money may remain on Mortgage of the Premises.
Further particulars apply to Auctioneers, or Evans and Son, solicitors, Ely.

November 25 1837

December 2 1837
Some thief forced an entrance through the window into the bar of the Woolpack Inn, Ely, early on Sunday morning last, and stole from out of a writing desk, a sovereign, and a silk purse, no doubt the robbery was committed by a person well acquainted with the house, and who came after the money; for a quantity of plate was left untouched in the bar; fortunately for Mr Luddington, the landlord the thief did not come a few night previous, as he had then, a considerable sum, in the same place.

On Saturday last, Mr J. Bradfield, of Uxbridge, was elected one of the choristers of Ely Cathedral.

A person has been offering for sale at Ely 21 fleeces of Leicester hogget wool, no doubt exists but of its having been stolen, and Mr John Bacon, magistrate's constable, is endeavouring to ascertain whose property it is.

December 9 1837
Ely Union – Bread and Flour Contracts
The Board of Guardians give notice, that they will at their weekly meeting at the Shire Hall, in Ely, on Wednesday 20th inst., receive Tenders for supplying the Workhouses of Ely Trinity and Ely St. Mary, and the Out-door Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief Districts with the following articles, from 27th inst., to 27th March 1838.
Good Thirds Flour at per stone
Bread made of the same quality Flour (24 hours old) at per 4 lb Loaf.

Death – on Thursday, after a lingering illness aged 18, Eliza, eldest daughter of Mr. gri, gardener, High St., Ely

Some dexterous thieves have, since 26 ult., unlocked the Barn and granary of Mr. Robert Bird, of Emneth, near Wisbech, and stolen 96 fleeces of Leicester wool, they locked the door after them, the wool was not missed till after the information given in our last, of Mr Bacon of Ely, having some wool which he supposed to have been stolen.

The Lord Bishop of Ely has been pleased to appoint Algernon Peyton M.A. as Rural Dean of Ely.

December 16 1837

Ely – Dec. 14th
We have at all times peculiar gratification in recording instances similar to the following, which occurred yesterday se'nnight:-
Mr John Luddington, veterinary – surgeon, of this city, on coming from the Excise sitting, lost two £5 notes, the numbers unknown, and on discovering his loss, he had the same cried, offering £2 reward. Fortunately the notes were picked up near the White Hart gateway, by a fishmonger, named Robberds, who, by nature honest, immediately restored the property, and, although a hard-working man, very creditably refused to take the reward offered, notwithstanding he was earnestly entreated to do so by the generous loser. This laudable action shines the more conspicuously, when we consider the discreditable conduct of a person in a far different situation in life, who a short time since, having found a parcel containing money, which had been lost by a coachman, wrote a letter, signed with the initials "W.G.", endeavouring to extort from the coachman a reward for the recovery of the parcel.
Unfortunately for the finder, he was discovered and the coachman came down to Ely, and having found the mean little man, threatened to administer what he so richly deserved.
W.G. having delivered over the money, and escaped the rod of justice, had but little time to congratulate himself before he found himself minus £5, which he had overpaid the coachman in his fright. Thus mortified and debased he was humbled to ask the return of the note, which was readily given up, but not without a little good advice, and W. G. learning that it was best "to do to others as he would be done by".
We are confident that Robberds conduct will be duly appreciated, and his customers increase, for the public will know they are dealing with an honest man.

Scarcely of late a day has passed over without our hearing of some one in Ely, or its neighbourhood, having lost their fowls, and it is hoped that this crime has now received a check by the committal of a fellow, named Joe Veal, to Ely bridewell, to take his trial at the next sessions, for stealing fowls and ducks from Thomas Shearman, a labouring man, living in Ely St Mary's, who lost four fowls and two ducks on Saturday night last.
On Tuesday morning, Mr Bacon, in company with Shearman, proceeded to search Veal's house where they found, with a large quantity of other fowls (no doubt stolen) and immediately identified. The industrious poor, who have been enabled out of their earning to get a few comforts, have principally been deprived of the fruits of their labour by these nocturnal visitors.

December 23 1837
Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at the Sessions House, in Wisbech on Wednesday 3rd January next, at Ten o'clock forenoon, at which time the chair will be taken; and all Jurors, constables and Parties bound by recognizance and others having occasion to attend, are required to give their attendance accordingly.

Parishes of Holy Trinity and Saint Mary in Ely
Map and Survey
Notice is hereby given, that the Committees of the aforesaid Parishes will meet at the Board-room, in the Shire-Hall, in Ely, on Friday 5th January next at 11 o'clock forenoon, for the purpose of receiving Tenders from Surveyors and others willing to undertake the Mapping and Surveying of the said Parishes for the purpose of the Parochial Assessment Act.
The Tenders are to state a sum per Acre at which the person or persons who shall offer to undertake the above work will contract with the Guardians of the Ely Union to make produce and furnish a proper map and Terrier of all the Messuages, Lands and other Hereditaments liable to Poor Rates, situate within the limits of the aforesaid parishes, (except the Hamlet of Stuntney): and to state some day on or before which he or they will undertake to make and complete the same, under a penalty of £10 a week; and to state also a gross sum or sums per acre at which he or they will undertake to furnish as many additional copies or duplicates of the said Map and Terrier as shall be required.
The Map must be on the scale of three chains to an inch and in every other respect in strict compliance with the directions issued by the Tithe Commissioners.

Sealed Tenders to be delivered or sent to me at Ely (free of expence) on or before 10 o'clock a.m., of the said 5th January, indorsed "Tenders for a Map and Survey of the Parishes of Holy Trinity and St. Mary in Ely."
N.B. The Committees do not pledge themselves to accept any of the Tenders, and it must be distinctly understood that whatever arrangements may be made at the meeting will be entirely subject to the conformation and approval of the Guardians of the Ely Union and of the Poor Law Commissioners.
By Order
Wm. Marshall jun.
Ely December 21 1837

December 30 1837
Marriage – On 19th inst., at March (by the Rev. A Payton) Mr C. Moseley of New Barns, near Ely, to Sarah, fifth daughter of H. Johnson Esq., of the former place.

Death – On Sunday last, at Ely, aged 22 years, James, eldest son of Mr Samuel Myrton, of the King's Arms inn, in that city. He bore with fortitude a lingering illness off upward of two years.

Ely Chronicle, 1838

January 6 1838
The Bishop of Ely has distributed (through the medium of the Rev. J. Smith, and Mr. Dix, as better acquainted with the persons deserving charity,) his usual annual donation of a large quantity of blankets, various articles of clothing and money to the poor of that city.

We beg to call the attention of the surveyors of St. Mary's in Ely, to the improper state of the Causeways in that parish, particularly the one contiguous to the premises of Jonathan Page Esq., and to express a hope that some immediate steps will be taken towards repairing the same. We are induced to make this suggestion from a sense of our duty to the public; for the numerous accidents which are continually occurring, render it absolutely necessary that the proper authorities should speedily make some alteration. As a proof of the dangerous state of this path, we may safely assert without any deviation from truth, that at one part it is elevated at a perpendicular height of at least two feet above the ordinary level, and this too, where the traffic is immense. Surely, it would be no wasteful expenditure of the public money to remedy so great an inconvenience as this, and we trust that should the surveyors neglect to made the requisite alterations, that the wealthy individual (in front of whose premises the path is so particularly dangerous) will undertake that improvement which the public safety necessarily demands.

A Lover's Disappointment
A short time since an elderly female, possessed of great feminine attractions, (notwithstanding she had weathered full fifty winters) took up her abode in Ely, and opened a public house under the popular sign of "Victoria". In order to attract the attention of the passers-by, the likeness of our youthful sovereign was ably delineated, invested in her regal robes "and swaying the royal sceptre".

Many were the encomiums passed upon the beauty of our young Queen by the numerous visitors, nor were the fascinating charms of the fair landlady less frequently extolled.

These panegyrics on her beauty awakened in her mind a feeling of vanity, for she was often presumptuously heard to declare that her beauty excelled even that of Queen Victoria. Amongst the variety of her guests was a gallant young livery servant, just arrived at "mans estate" and who found it impossible to stand against her irresistible charms, indeed so wonderful an impression did her enchanting smiles make upon his heart that after a courtship of one long day, he resolved on Saturday last to take her "for better or for worse". Accordingly a license was purchased and on the following morning the parties repaired to Church, but ere the nuptial vow was solemnised, it appears that the fair bride was not a spinster, for she had before been escorted to the Hymeneal alter, and her husband was still "in the land of the living". The announcement of this intelligence quite astounded the gallant lover, and he was obliged to return, to his home, sorrowful and dejected at the defeat which his ardent affections had sustained, and what contributed to add still more to his mortification, was the loss of the money expended for the carrying of his projects into execution.

To the Editor of the Cambridge Chronicle
Sir
I rely upon your sense of justice for the insertion of your letter in your next paper.

It was with equal sorrow and surprise that I observed in the Cambridge Chronicle of last week a paragraph, bearing the title of "Past and Present", which contains a most unjust, and, I cannot help fearing, malicious comparison between the charities dispensed at the Palace of Ely by its former and present possessors. The author of the paragraph does all but assert, and he evidently wishes it to be understood, that the poor were in the habit of receiving every thing in the way of charity during past years, and that now they get nothing from that source. To that assertion, as far as the present Bishop is concerned, I feel myself called upon to give the most unqualified contradiction. What other Prelates of the See have thought proper to do, is not for me to allude to in any other shape that that which is embodied in the well-known maxim, "de mortins nil nisi bonum." I have simply to state that, as Minister of St Mary's parish, I, in conjunction with the senior churchwarden of Trinity parish, have had the distribution of a very handsome donation of money, together with a store of blankets, from the Bishop, both last winter and this, - with a request, moreover, from his Lordship, that if we found and particular cases of distress in either parish, we would not scruple to apply to him for further assistance. I do not enter upon any enumeration, or even mention, of the Bishop's more private charities, because that forms no part of my object in this addressing you.

I only wish to correct a falsehood, and to deny, (which I do in the most positive and complete manner which the word can convey) the statement upon this subject contained in your last paper. Having done this, it remains for me, as a minister of religion, to add one concluding observation – how sad and saddening a thing it is, that so holy a name as charity should be degraded from her high and heavenly purpose by being mixed up with earthly politics, and, as in this case, linked invidiously with this or that sect or party!.
I am, Sir, your's etc.
S. Smith
College, Ely, 1st Jan 1838.

Ely Union
A Light Hearse Wanted.
The Guardians of the above Union (having resolved that the paupers who die in the Union Workhouse should be buried in the parishes to which they respectively belong), hereby give Notice that they will, at their Weekly Meeting, to be holden at the Shire Hall, in Ely, on Wednesday 17th

inst., receive Tenders for a Light Hearse, capable of being drawn by one horse, to be used for the above purposes.

Persons desirous of tendering for the same are requested to deliver their tenders to me, on or before 10 a.m. of the 17th inst., indorsed "Tender for Hearse," and to be in attendance in case they should be required.

The Guardians do not pledge themselves to accept the lowest or any of the tenders.
By Order of the Board
Wm. Marshall, jun., Clerk
January 13 1838
January 20 1838
Classical and Commercial School
Fore Hill Ely
Mr W. Trigg gratefully acknowledges the very liberal patronage of his friends, and respectfully announces that the duties of his School will be resumed on Monday 22nd January.
January 27 1838
Burnt Fen First District
Payment of Taxes
Notice is hereby given, that the Commissioners of the said District did, at an adjourned half-yearly Meeting, holden at the White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Tuesday 18th April, 1837, assess, rate, tax, and charge all and singular the Fen Lands and Low Grounds within the said District except such as lie beyond the Cross Bank, with a tax of one shilling and sixpence per acre, and a gradual acre tax not exceeding one shilling and sixpence per acre, and a further gradual acre tax not exceeding three shillings per acre on each and every acre of the said Fen Lands and Low grounds, and so on in proportion for any less quantity than an acre: and that the said several taxes have been ordered by the said commissioners to be paid to me as their Receiver, at my office in Ely, within the month of February next.

And Notice is also hereby given, that any person liable to the payment of the said rates and taxes, and omitting to pay the same to me for twenty days from the twenty-eighth day of the said month of Feb., will forfeit and be required to pay to the said Commissioners, by way of penalty, for every such omission the sum of three shillings and four pence for every twenty shillings of the rates and taxes which shall be so in arrear and unpaid, and so in proportion for any less sum than twenty shillings.
Dated 13 January 1838
Thomas Archer
Clerk and Receiver to the Commissioners.
February 3 1838
Death at Ely on Saturday last, aged 63, Mr William Pynock, watchmaker, of that place.

Robbery and Detection
On Thursday afternoon the 25th ult., a few minutes past five, two impudent thieves broke a piece out of a cracked pane of glass in the shop window of Mr Jeremiah Giscard, High Street, Ely, and stole thereout seventeen watches of £35 value.

On Friday morning Mr Woods superintendent of Police at Lynn, observed two suspicious characters, go into Lynn, and having heard of the robbery proceeded to a public-house and apprehended one, on whom he found one of the watches, a very particular hunter, having English cases with French movements. The other thief had taken coach and gone to Norwich with the bulk of the property, but returned to Lynn on Monday and was immediately taken into custody and conveyed to Ely. They were observed at the window at the time of the robbery and are two of the most notorious thieves that infest Norwich and its neighbourhood, from the evidence no doubt

remains of their conviction. They were fully committed on Thursday last to take their trial at the ensuing sessions for the Isle of Ely.

February 10 1838

It will be seen by last Friday's Gazette, that William Layton, Esq., of Woodhouse, Ely, has been appointed Sheriff of this County and Huntingdon.

February 17 1838

Death – Last week at Ely, Judith, the beloved wife of Mr Lutt, master of Mrs Needham's charity school.

Ely February 16.

An accident occurred at Oxlode, near this place, on Saturday last. Three men were out shooting wild-fowl, two of them were abreast and had let off their fowling pieces when the third, a person named Youngs, being behind, and not coming up on his right side, discharged his piece, when the contents lodged in the arm of one of his companions, William Newton, who, though much hurt is in a fair way of recovery.

One day at the latter end of last week, as Joseph Pope, of Prickwillow, was gaulting, he found, at a depth of 6 or 7 feet from the surface of the earth, a cup of a globular shape, with a coat of arms, and the following inscription in Roman letters, engraved on the handle, BODVOGENVS – F. It is a mixture of brass and copper, and holds about two quarts; the handle is flat and about six inches long, and one and a half broad. It appears not to have been cast but turned. A piece of iron was found close to it, but so much corroded, that, in taking it up, it fell to pieces.

As a proof of the opulence of Ely there are three persons now living in that city, who have served the office of High Sheriff for the counties of Cambridge and Huntingdon, and the Sheriff for the present year is a native and resides there. No other town in England, we believe, with so small a population, can boast of having so many residents who have filled so distinguished an office.

February 24 1838

Public Accommodation
New Day Coach
The Victoria
From Ely to Newmarket.

The Public are respectfully informed, that the above Coach will commence running on Monday the 19th February inst., from the White Hart Inn, Ely, every morning (Sundays excepted) at half-past 9 o'clock, through Soham and Fordham, to the White Hart Inn, Newmarket, where it will arrive at half-past 11, in time for the Norwich "Telegraph", and the Holt and Fakenham Coaches to London, and will return to Ely every afternoon immediately after the arrival of those Coaches from London.

Passengers and Parcels can also proceed immediately on the arrival of the Coach at Newmarket, to Cambridge, Bury, Ipswich, Yarmouth, and all parts of Norfolk and Suffolk.

Ely – To Be Sold by Auction
By Matthew Scott
On Thursday 8th March, 1838 between 2 and 3 o'clock on the Market Hill
A Capital Black Cart Stallion
The property of Mr John Sutton, of Haddenham.

He is rising 4 and is considered by competent judges a very superior cart Horse – Sire, Mr Wood's celebrated horse Waxwortk, out of a well known mare by Mr Jenyns Honest Tom

Turnpike Road
Leading from Cambridge to Ely and from thence to Soham and called "The South District"

The General Annual Meeting of the Trustees will be holden at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Friday 23rd March next at eleven o'clock forenoon, new Trustees will be chosen to supply the vacancies occasioned by death or otherwise.
H. R. Evans, Clerk

Turnpike road
Leading from Lamb Corner, Ely, to the Chequer Corner in Downham, Norfolk, called the "North District".

The General Annual Meeting of the Trustees will be holden at the Bell Inn, Ely, on Saturday 24th March next at eleven o'clock, forenoon, new Trustees will be chosen to supply the vacancies occasioned by death or otherwise.
H. R. Evans, Clerk

February 24 1838

March 3 1838

March 10 1838

Escape from Prison

On Sunday morning last as the prisoners in Ely Bridewell were returning from Chapel, one of the most desperate thieves that infest the counties of Norfolk, Suffolk, and Cambridgeshire, named Daniel Archer, alias Carr, charged with stealing watches from the shop of Mr. Jeremiah Giscard, of Ely, effected his escape, by turning into the Coal-cellar, which opens into the hall of the Governor's house, through which the prisoner had to pass. After the turnkey had locked the other prisoners into the yard, and the governor having pronounced them all right, he went to breakfast, and on his return about two hours after he found Archer had made his escape. A wild goose chase was immediately commenced around Ely, but to no purpose. It is much to be regretted that greater caution was not exercised, the governor having been cautioned against the prisoner as a desperate and dexterous character.

On Saturday night last, or early the next morning, some villain slaughtered a sheep belonging to Mr. Garrett, of Ely, and took away the carcase leaving the skin and entrails behind. Scarcely a winter passes without 2 or 3 sheep being stolen from the closes of Mr. G. and those adjoining, and from peculiar circumstances little doubt exists but that the robberies are effected by the same party.

Ely Union – Medical Contracts

The Board of Guardians of the above Union hereby invite Medical Gentlemen willing to attend the poor of the following Parishes, and the Inmates of the two Union Workhouses, situate in Ely, for One Year, commencing Lady-day next, to send to me before 10 a.m. of Wednesday 14th inst. Tenders in writing endorsed "Medical Tender for the Parish or Parishes of - " or as the case may be.

The Parishes in which Medical and Surgical assistance will be required, are:-

Ely Trinity - population in 1831	4,325
Ely St. Mary " "	1,796
Littleport " "	2,644
Downham " "	1,722

The Parish of Littleport is distant from Ely 5 miles, and that of Downham 3 miles.

The two Workhouses are to be tendered for jointly, at a gross sum, and in case the New Central Workhouse at Ely shall be inhabited before the expiration of the contract, the Medical Officer will be required to transfer his services to the Pauper Inmates of that establishment.

Each Parish is to be tendered for separately, and the Tenders are to state a sum per case, at which the person tendering will undertake to attend all paupers falling or being sick within the parish or parishes (whether belonging to any of the said parishes or not) whom they shall receive a proper order to visit and to include Surgical as well as Medical cases, and all Medical and Surgical requisites and appliances whatsoever, according to the nature of each case, (Trusses, Fractures, and Midwifery alone excepted).

The Tenders are also to state a sum per case for simple Fractures, Compound Fractures, and Midwifery and also on what terms per annum the Medical Gentlemen will engage to receive Labourers and their families into Independent Medical Clubs, fixing a distinct sum for the admission of Single persons, Man and Wife, and children.

The Medical Gentlemen contracted with will also be required to enter up and accurately keep the "Weekly Return Book", and the "Register of Sickness and Mortality", in accordance with the rules, orders, and regulations of the Poor Law Commissioners (which may be seen on application to me) and which books must be presented quarterly to the Auditor, and their correctness ascertained and certified by him before the salaries can be paid. Candidates must be prepared to show that they are duly licenced to practice, and testimonials of ability and character will also be requisite.

It is competent for Medical Gentlemen to tender for one or more of the above parishes, but the Guardians do not pledge themselves to accept the lowest or any of the tenders.
By Order of the Board
Wm. Marshall, jun, Clerk.

Ely Union Contracts
The Board of Guardians give notice, that they will at their weekly Meeting at the Shire Hall in Ely, on Wednesday 21st inst., receive Tenders for supplying the Workhouses of Ely Trinity, and Ely St. Mary, and the Workhouse for the time being, and the Out-door paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief districts with the following articles, from 28th inst., to the 26th June next.
Good thirds Flour at per stone
Bread made of same quality flour (24 hours' old) at per 4lb Loaf.
Also Provisions etc., Good beef (without bone) fore quarters of Mutton and Suet, all at per stone.
Cheese, Rice and Potatoes at per cwt.
Hard Yellow soap, Salt, moist Sugar, Oatmeal, and Soda at per stone
Butter and Tea, at per lb
Dip Candles, at per dozen
Peas at per bushel
Milk at per gallon, and small Beer at per barrel
Turf, at per 1000, and coals at per ton.
From 28th inst., to 25th September next.
Clothing etc. From 28th inst. to 25 Sept. next
Haverhill, Olive and Green Drabbett at per piece of 20yds.
Mens, Womens, Girls and Boys, high and ankle shoes and strong knitted Worsted Stockings, at per dozen pairs.
Cloth Caps for Men and Boys, at per dozen.
Flannel, for petticoats, Hemp for shirts and shifts and Calico at per yard.
Check for Aprons, and Chambery, at per yard

Sealed Tenders to be sent to me (free of expense) on or before 10 a.m. of the 21st. and samples to be produced at the Meeting. Contractors to give such security for the performance of the Contract as the Board may require, but the Guardians do not pledge themselves to accept the lowest or any of the tenders.
By Order of the Board
Wm. Marshall, jun., Clerk

March 17 1838

Fore Hill Ely
3 Very good Piano-Fortes
By Broadwood, Clementi, and Wilkinson
Household Furniture and other effects
To Be Sold by Auction
By Matthew Scott
On Friday 23 March, on the premises, late in occupation of Mr George Woodhatch, Lay Clerk of Ely Cathedral, deceased.
Sale to commence 1 p.m.

March 24 1838

Isle of Ely
General Quarter Sessions of the Peace will be holden at the Sessions House in Ely on Wednesday 4th April next, at ten o'clock forenoon, at which time the chair will be taken, and all Jurors, Constables, and Parties bound by recognizance are required to give their attendance accordingly.

The Justices Clerks are requested to send their several Depositions and Recognizances to the office of the Clerk of the Peace, on or before the Saturday preceding.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace

March 31 1838

Committed to Ely Goal

Thomas Martin, for stealing fowls from Mr Saborton, of Chatteris.
John Lucas, for stealing carpenters tools.

April 7 1838

Burnt Fen First District
Notice is hereby given, that a Meeting of the Commissioners acting under the several Acts of Parliament now in force for the Drainage of the above District will be held at the White Hart Inn, Ely, on Wednesday 18th April inst. at Twelve o'clock noon, pursuant to Adjournment from the last meeting.
Thomas Archer
Clerk to the Commissioners

April 14 1838

The Spring Courts of the Rev. the Dean and Chapter of Ely.
For the Manor of Ely Porta, on Wednesday 25th April inst.

Deaths – On Saturday last, Mr Thomas Cross, of Witchford, near Ely.

On Wednesday last at Ely, Mr Thomas Smith, grocer, draper, and master waterman, aged 34.

Credulity
On Friday last, a person professing knowledge of the future destinies of human beings, called at the Free School, Ely, and told the servant various predictions, stating that she would speedily be married, that she would be rich, happy, and in short that she would be possessed of every blessing a woman could desire, which had such an impression upon the poor girl that she promised a meeting early the next morning. At the time appointed she awoke from her slumbers, and proceeded to the place appointed for the meeting, and after the fortune-teller had secured the needful for her trouble, she told the girl that something valuable was to be put into her handkerchief as a charm to grace her dreams with her destined partner in life.

A silver marrow-spoon was accordingly obtained, and put into the hands of the fortune teller for the purpose of being deposited in the handkerchief, which having been done, it was given to the girl, with strict injunctions to place it under her pillow for the next four nights, and at the time of so doing she was to "turn round three times and wish hard for the young man she loved the most." The artful deceiver, however, instead of inclosing the valuable spoon, put in an old iron one, telling the girl not to open it for fear the charm should be broken. But being unable to resist her curiosity, she shortly afterwards opened the handkerchief, and discovered how she had been duped; she immediately proceeded in search of the woman, and found her at a public house, and upon the girls' accusing her of the deception, she said she would go and fetch the silver spoon, instead of which she made off over the fields, but she was pursued by the constable, overtaken, and committed to the House of Correction for three months as a rogue and vagabond.

Isle of Ely Sessions

Charles Hardimant, charged with stealing a number of watches, the property of Jeremiah Giscard, of Ely, on 25 Jan. last. The Superintendent of Lynn, having heard of the robbery, and seeing the prisoner in company with a man named Daniel Archer (who it will be remembered broke prison some time ago) go into that town under suspicious circumstances; he proceeded to a public-house, called the Lagger Hearts, where he found the prisoner, whom he apprehended. Witness found a watch in an outhouse which was identified by the prosecutor and his son.

Guilty, transported for seven years.

Large Barn or Workshop and
Several Sheds and other Buildings
Now standing at the bottom of the White Hart Inn Yard,
In Newnham, Ely
To Be Sold by Auction
By C. Legge and Son
on Tuesday next 17th April inst., precisely at three o'clock, in such Lots as shall be agreed upon at the time of Sale.

The following valuable Buildings which have been erected only a few years, and were used as Workshops and Timber sheds, by Mr. Wm. Legge, late of Ely, Carpenter etc: deceased.

A Capital Barn 30 feet long and 24 feet wide, substantially built with timber, and covered with pantiles, a strong floor well supported with excellent sound timbers, divided into chambers by boarded partitions, two large sky-lights, windows, doors etc. therein.

A good Board and tiled Shed, 20 feet long and about 20 wide, with a floor in one part.

Another Board and Tiled Shed, 12 feet square and 25 feet high.

And two other small Board and Tiled Buildings with partitions, doors and windows.

The above will be sold, to be taken down by the purchasers, and removed within ten days and for ready money. May be seen any time.

April 21 1838

Bedford Level Corporation

The General Annual Meeting of this body was held in the Shirehall Ely, on Thursday last, and the attendance of the Committee was larger than we ever remember to have seen except at an election.

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April 28 1838
May 5 1838
Ely Free School
A Master will be wanted for the above School, at Midsummer next. – The salary will be £45 per annum, with a House, free of rates and taxes.

Any person wishing to offer himself as a Candidate for the above office is requested to send testimonials as to character and qualifications to the Treasurer of Mrs Needhams Charity, care of T. A. Hills Bookseller Ely, on or before 1st June next. All letters post paid.

May 12 1838
Isle of Ely Adjourned Sessions
Will be holden at the Sessions House in Ely, on Thursday 17th May inst., at eleven o'clock forenoon.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace.

Death – On Friday 4th inst., of an effection of the brain, Mr John Bodger, of Ely, aged 56 years.

At Ely, on Wednesday last, after a long and painful illness, aged 71, Robert Harlock. He entered the 4th or Kings' Own Regiment, at the age of four years, as a drummer-boy, served in the American War under General Burgoyne, and was afterwards Serjeant Major, for 21 years in the Cambridge Militia, and discharged in 1816. He was an out-pensioner of Greenwich Hospital, and received liberal pensions as a reward for his faithful services.

Ely – Capital Gang of Lighters
Two Horse-Boats, Three Fen-Boats etc.
To Be Sold by Auction.
By Matthew Scott.
At the Ship Inn Quay, on Saturday 19th May, 1838.
The following very valuable Lighters, Horse-Boats, Fen Boats, Materials, etc., the property of Messrs Robins of Isleham.
May 19 1838
Deaths – At Ely, on Tuesday last, at the advanced age of 93, Mrs Mary Kempton, aunt to Mr John Kempton, of Northampton Street, Cambridge.

On the 10th inst., at Ely, at the advanced age of 94, Mrs Rayner, widow of the late Mr Thomas Rayner of that place.

Longevity in the Fens
We have this week and in our last week's paper recorded the deaths of three individuals who have died at Ely, where they were residents, within a week, whose united aged amount to 265, viz, Mrs Rayner 94, Miss Kempton 93 and Major Harlock 78.
May 26 1838
June 2 1838
Ely Union – Bread and Flour Contracts
The Board of Guardians give Notice, that they will, at their Weekly Meeting, at the Shire-Hall, in Ely, on Thursday 14th inst., receive Tenders for supplying the Workhouses of the above Union, and the Outdoor Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief Districts with the following articles, from the 28th inst., to the 26th September next.

Good Thirds Flour, at per stone
Bread made of the same quality flour, (24 hours old) at per 4lbs loaf.

To Be delivered at the Workhouses of Ely Trinity and St. Mary, or the new Union Workhouse, at such times and in such quantities as the Board of Guardians shall order, and to be supplied to the Paupers in every parish in such quantities as shall be expressed in tickets issued by the Relieving Officer.
By Order of the Board
Wm. Marshall, Clerk

Four Free Public Houses
An Excellent Residence
Brewery and other Valuable Property
At Ely, Sutton and Downham
Which will be sold by Auction
By William Medland
At the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 21st June 1838 about 7 o'clock in the evening, in the following lots.

Lot 1. An excellent Residence situate on the Fore Hill, in Ely, to which is attached a convenient Brewery, containing a Counting-house, (with capital Wine Cellar underneath), Clerks office, prime beer cellars with Granaries over, a Brewhouse, and a good yard together with an excellent garden, nearby inclosed by brick wall, clothed with choice fruit trees.

These premises extend from the front 454 feet or thereabouts; a small portion of which with the Carriage Entrance is Copyhold, but the remainder Freehold.

Lot 2. A Merchant's Yard adjoining the last lot, comprising Timber and Coal Yards, Lime and Bottle sheds, 2 lime kilns, Coal Barn and Stable in front of Bull St. Waggon, Cart, and Bullock Sheds, and another good stable and Chaise House, also a good Farm Yard, with excellent stabling and Harness-house with Hay and Straw Lofts over the same. Horse or Bullock Shed, Calf pen, and piggeries.

A small part of this lot is Copyhold, the remaining part is Freehold.

Lot 3. All that well accustomed Free Public House, known by the sign of "The Chequers", near the High Street, in Ely, now occupied by Mr John Finch.

Lot 4. All that well-accustomed Free Public-House, known by the sign of "Coach and Horses", situate in Broad St., in Ely, now occupied by Mr James Barrett; together with an excellent and very productive Garden, well planted with choice fruit trees, as now occupied by Mr Luke Cornwall.

Lot 5. All that well accustomed Free Public House, known by the sign of "The Plough" at Romney Balk, in Ely, together with Four Acres of Land, now occupied by Mr John Marsh.

Lot 6. All that well accustomed Free Pubic-House, known by the sign of "the Crown", in the parish of Sutton, with excellent Yard, Garden, Orchard, and Paddock of rich Pasture behind, containing two Acres, together with the valuable Right of Common, now occupied by Mr John Briggs.

Lot 7. All that piece or parcel of old-enclosed Pasture Land, adjoining the High Road, in the village of Sutton, containing One Acre, now occupied by Mr. Thomas Gimbert.

Lot 8. All those Four Messuages or Cottages, with the Yard and Outbuildings to the same belonging, in the parish of Downham, near Ely, formerly known as the Fox and Hounds Public House.

The Last six Lots are Copyhold
Lots 6 and 7 are Fine Certain.
June 9 1838
June 16 1838
June 23 1838
Death – Suddenly, at Ely, aged 69, Mr Robert Sibley, pipe-maker, of that place.

City of Ely
Alteration of Market Day
The Inhabitants of this City, having agreed to celebrate the Coronation of Her Majesty, on Thursday next, 28th inst., Notice is hereby given, that the Market will be held on Wednesday immediately preceding.

C. Jegge, Jun
Builder, Carpenter, Paper Hanger Etc
Opposite the Shire Hall Ely
Begs most respectfully to announce to the Clergy, Gentry, and Inhabitants of Ely, and its vicinity, that he has commenced the above business, in all its branches (with the assistance of his Father, Mr Henry Legge), and assures them no exertion shall be wanted on his part to merit a share of their patronage.

Blinds of every description made to order Cabinet and Upholstery Goods Manufactured, and Houses Furnished on the shortest notice and most reasonable terms.
Artificers' Work Surveyed and Valued.
June 30 1838
Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at the Sessions House in Wisbech, on Wednesday 4th July next at Ten o'clock, forenoon, at which hour the chair will be taken; and all Jurors, Constables, and Parties bound by recognizance, are required to give their attendance accordingly
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech, June 20 1838

Death – On Tuesday last at the house of Mr. Seymore, of Oxlode, Mr John Fortington, of Ely, aged 53.

Ely June 29
The manner in which the Coronation was celebrated at Ely did great credit to the taste and loyalty of the inhabitants. The day was ushered in by the discharge of small pieces of cannon, and a merry peal from the bells of St Mary's Church; and at an early hour banners, with appropriate mottoes and devices, were displayed from most of the houses in the principal streets. At eleven o'clock the charity children, headed by the band of the County Militia, playing "Oh, the roast beef of Old England," paraded the town, and soon afterwards the poor inhabitants, to the number of 4,000, assembled in the Market Place, and proceeded in regular order with the Presidents and Vice-Presidents and the banners of the different tables to the Palace Green, where a dinner of plum puddings and roast beef was in readiness for them.

After the dinner the Queen's health was given with hearty cheers, and soon after three o'clock a large portion of the populace retired to a field near the town, where a variety of rural sports, and some racing with Jerusalem ponies took place.

In the evening some of the young people amused themselves with a dance on the Green; the services of Weipparts band could not be obtained, but music was not wanting to incite those who were inclined for the sport "to trip it on the light fantastic toe." A brilliant display of fire-works closed the festivities of a day which will long be held in joyous remembrance by the inhabitants of Ely. It is but justice to all parties concerned to add that nothing could surpass the excellence of the arrangements. The orderly conduct of the poor was gratifying in the extreme.

A superb monument has been erected in Bishop West's Chapel, in this Cathedral, to the memory of our late benevolent Bishop. The monument is a perfect imitation of that of the Black Prince in Canterbury Cathedral, and the canopy of Bishop Mitford's, in Salisbury Cathedral; it is of excellent workmanship, built by Hopper of London, and worthy of admiration.

July 7 1838

Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions
Wisbech July 4
Rev. H. Fardell, Chairman
The cases were numerous, but all of the usual description, none appearing to excite any particular interest. There were no cases of appeal, and only one of affiliation, which was of three years standing. Of 19 prisoners only one could read and write, and five others could only read. There were four others on bail, but their scholarship was not specified in the calendar.

July 14 1838

July 21 1838

July 28 1838

August 4 1838

August 11 1838

Ely – To be Let, and entered upon immediately
A Desirable Residence situate in the centre of the High Street; and comprising a large Shop and Keeping-room in front, and a back sitting-room on the ground floor; on the second floor, a large dining-room and chamber; on the third floor, two large chambers, and on the fourth, 2 roomy attics; also two excellent cellars, and a Brew House and Brewing Plant.

The above premises were late in occupation of Mr John Fortington (brewer) deceased, and offer an eligible situation for any business requiring room.

Apply to Mr Clements, Printer, Ely.

Turnpike Road – Leading from Cambridge to Ely, and from thence to Soham called "The South District".
In pursuance of a Requisition from three of the Trustees of the Turnpike road – A special Meeting of the Trustees will be holden at the Lamb Inn in Ely, on Wednesday 29th August 11 re for the purpose of considering the propriety of altering the direction of the Road at the Hill near the entrance into the town of Sutton, so as to avoid the Hill, or lesson its declivity, and on other business.
H. R Evans. Clerk

Turnpike Road – Leading from Lamb Corner in Ely, to the Chequer Corner in Downham, Norfolk, called "The North District."
In pursuance of a Requisition from five of the Trustees of the said Turnpike Road, a special Meeting of the Trustees will be holden at the Castle Inn, in Downham on Monday 27th August next at 11 o'clock forenoon, for the purpose of considering the propriety of improving the road by widening the same at the Corner of the Wall of Mr Kendall's Farm Yard in Fordham, and on other business.
H. R. Evans, Clerk.

August 18 1838
August 25 1838
September 1 1838
Committed to the Castle – George Long, alias Fuzzy, charged, having at Ely, violently assaulted Rebecca his wife, with intent to kill and murder her.
September 8 1838
Death – On Wednesday last at Ely, aged 17 years, the youngest daughter of William Apsey, Esq.,

On Thursday last at Ely, aged 73, Robert Dix, Esq. He was endeared by his kindness to a large circle of friends, and lived universally respected.

A meeting of the magistrates of Ely, on Thursday last, Robert Atkin, James Gooby, and William Okey, were each fined £2 for drawing beer at improper hours and William Rust was find £1 for harbouring bad characters.

Valuable Freehold Messuage, St Mary's Parish, Ely
To Be Sold by Auction
By C. Legge and Son
At the Lamb Inn, Ely, on Thursday 13th September 1838
between six and eight in the evening.
The following valuable Estate, consisting of a neat brick and tiled Messuage, pleasantly situated in St Mary's Parish, Ely and near the Lamb Inn, containing a parlour, kitchen pantry, and 3 bedrooms, a Yard (in which is lead pump, with good spring water) and convenient lodges, as now in occupation of Mr Marshall Fisher, at the annual rent of £14. Land Tax 4s.

Further particulars enquire of Mr Henry Bradley, solicitor Cambridge; or of the Auctioneers, Ely.
September 15 1838
The Bishop of Ely will hold an Ordination, at Ely, on Sunday, 2nd December next.

Candidates for Holy Orders are desired to transmit the requisite papers to his Lordship, at the Palace, Ely in covers not exceeding one ounce in weight, on or before the first day of November.

Candidates for Deacon's Orders are to give immediate Notice to his Lordship of their intention to offer themselves.
Palace, Ely Sept. 14 1838

Ely Union Contracts
The Board of Guardians give Notice, that they will, at their Weekly Meeting, at the Shire Hall, Ely, on Thursday 20th inst., receive Tenders for supplying the New Union Workhouse and the Out-door Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief Districts with Bread and Flour from 27th inst., to 26 Dec. next, also provisions and Clothing, from 27 inst., to 27 March, 1839,
September 22 1838
Birth – On the 13th inst., the lady of the Rev. W. Clay, Minor Canon of Ely Cathedral, of a son.

Marriage – on the 3rd inst., at Marsham Norfolk, Mr J. W. Bidwell, of Ely, to Ann, youngest daughter of Mr. Goddard Johnson, of Marsham Hall.

Ely Union
The new workhouse at Ely, which was commenced in June 1837, is now completed, and the Guardians have taken possession of it from the hands of the contractor, Mr John Sugars, builder, of

Lynn, on whom it reflects the greatest credit, whether the excellent quality of the materials employed, or the first-rate workmanship displayed in its erection.

It is situated on an eminence on the south-west of the city, at a short distance from the London Road, and commands not only an excellent view of the town, but also a very extensive prospect of the surrounding country. With the exception of its magnificent cathedral, it is decidedly the greatest ornament the city can boast of. It has been built from a design of the architect, W. J. Donthorn, Esq., of 18 Hanover-street, Hanover-square London, and possesses none of the bastile-like character which has given so much offence in the southern counties of England. The yards for the aged and infirm inmates are open in front, and the general character of the building is that of an extensive almshouse or hospital.

September 29 1838

October 6 1838

October 13 1838

Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at the Sessions House in Ely, on Wednesday 17th October inst., at Ten o'clock forenoon, at which hour the chair will be taken, and all Jurors, Constables, and Parties bound by recognizance are required to give their attendance accordingly.

The Justice's Clerks are requested to send their several Depositions and Recognizances to the office of the Clerk of the Peace, at Wisbech, on or before the Saturday preceding.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace

October 20 1838

Ely – Oct. 19th. On Wednesday last, an inquest was held at Mepal near Ely, before H. R. Evans, jun., Esq., Coroner, on the body of Mrs Youngs, an infirm female 93 years of age, whose death occurred in the following dreadful manner:- On the preceding day the deceased was sitting by the fire-side, when Mrs Blackburn, another elderly woman, who is nearly blind, told the deceased that she smelt something burning; she replied perhaps it is the towel which was hanging near the fire; she immediately arose and opened the street door when the air fanned her clothes into a blaze which was near communicating with the thatch of the cottage. The flames were extinguished, and she continued to linger for about two hours, when death put an end to her sufferings.
Verdict – Accidental death.

Improvements – This city has been rapidly improving in appearance for the last 5 or 6 years. Market St., St. Mary's Street, Broad St., and the Fore hill have been paved, a new iron bridge has been thrown over the river, the town is now lighted up with gas, and we understand some of the inhabitants are about purchasing the concern of Mr G. Mallam, of Lynn, who erected the works, and take it into their own hands, in order that the lights may be carried into St. Mary's Parish, and considerably extended. The appearance of the High St. has been greatly altered by converting the Red Lion, into a large draper's shop, and by pulling down the Old Bell public-house and erecting a spacious and convenient inn.

Considerable improvements have been made in the market place by judicious alterations of the White Hart Inn.

Curious Robbery – During the last week some persons have cut down and removed the gallows at Ely, doubtless with a view to steal and carry away the same.

October 27 1838

Samuel Sturton, Chemist, etc.,
Forehill, Ely
Begs respectfully to announce to the inhabitants of Ely, and its vicinity, that he has taken the premises lately occupied by Messrs. Butcher and Bard, and opened them in the above line; and

trusts by unremitting care and attention to merit that share of public patronage and support which he now respectfully solicits.

November 3 1838

Ely – On Thursday four persons from Stretham sellers of bread, were fined £1 each, and 11s costs by the Magistrate, on the information of Mr John Bacon, of Ely, for not using weights and scales in selling bread. It appears the public have been much defrauded, the whole stock in the hands of those four dealers in bread wanting upwards of 1 oz. to the lb, and, in two of the four cases, to the amount of 3½d, according to the present price of bread in the store.

November 10 1838

Coach Accident

On Thursday afternoon last, an accident happened to the Lynn Union Coach, which had well-nigh been attended with very serious consequences to the passengers. The coach started from the Bull Inn, Trumpington street, about three o'clock, with the full number of passengers both inside and out, and very heavily laden with luggage; it proceeded as far as St Mary's Church, when suddenly the off fore wheel came off, and the coach pitched over with great violence upon its side, breaking the pole, and otherwise damaging it.

One young lady who had been on a visit to Mr Woods, music-seller, and who was proceeding home to Ely, was seated on the front of the coach on the near side, was forced with great violence from her seat over the luggage and the passengers, and pitched upon her head on the stones on the other side of the coach; she was taken up in a state of insensibility, and conveyed to the house of Mr Woods, where every attention was paid to her, and we are happy to state that she is doing well, although upon examination it was found there were several large cuts upon the head besides some very severe bruises. A gentleman from Ely, named Hughes, was also severely injured in the ankle and unable to proceed any further that day. The Coachman (Walker) was also severely bruised on his side, and was obliged to be conveyed home. A female servant of the Bishop of Ely was severely cut about the face. Several other passengers received various injuries, but we are happily to say they are not so serious. Another coach was speedily obtained and those of the passengers who were able to proceeded on their journey. No blame is to be attributed to the coachman, as upon examination of the wheel it was found that some of the works were broken, and the linch pin was remaining upon the iron when the wheel was off.

November 17 1383

Meeting at Ely

On Friday 9th inst., a meeting of the inhabitants of the above city was held. Wm. Layton, the High Sheriff, in the chair, who had convened the meeting for the purpose of taking into consideration the best means of preventing the recurrence of depredations similar to those lately committed.

It having been reported that an attempt would probably be made to occasion much expense by the establishment of a police: between three and four hundred of the most respectable inhabitants were present, for the purpose of opposing the measure.

The Chairman opened the proceedings by stating that he had called them together for the purpose of considering the best means of protecting the property and persons of her Majesty's subjects.

Most respectable towns and cities had their police force; he had no doubt the magistrates of the division would concur in any proper measure, and that the Dean and Chapter would liberally support the resolutions of the meeting, which would have for its object, he was persuaded, the peace and safety of the town. He was, however, in their hands, and would cheerfully concur in whatever the meeting did.

The Bishop of Ely, said he was almost a stranger amongst them, and therefore should be glad to hear some suggestions from some one better acquainted with the town, but he must observe that, ever since he had resided there, he had heard reports of the exceeding bad behaviour of persons in the High Street, and unless something was done to prevent its continual recurrence, nothing should induce him to continue his residence in the place. He had been a parish priest at Battersea 26 years,

where persons of all characters from the metropolis resorted on a Sunday, some for pleasure and others for a worse purpose; and had such scenes taken place there, he would have qualified as a magistrate, and paraded the streets with the parish constables. He had been informed by some gentlemen present that nothing could equal the bad conduct in the streets – in short, no decent person could pass without being assaulted and insulted with the most blasphemous language; and should such continue, nothing could be expected but that young persons could be ruined. As, however, he spoke from information, and could say nothing of his own knowledge, perhaps some gentlemen (he saw Mr. Hall, the churchwarden of the parish, present) would give the meeting a little information upon the subject.

Mr. G Hall said he had not intended to have spoken, but as his Lordship had called upon him he would state that he knew nothing of the disorderly conduct in the streets, and he could not believe it to be such as his Lordship appeared to have been informed.

Mr. Thos. Spooner said he was witness to a most disgraceful scene in the fair; on the previous evening, but did not consider it the fault of Mr. Bacon, or the constables, but of the higher authorities; for while they allowed the fair, at which all the vicious characters of the adjoining counties assembled, to continue 10 and 12 days, they must of necessity be subject to those degrading transactions that disgraced all fairs. The inhabitants of the town had once petitioned the late Bishop to shorten the fair to three days, but it had never been done.

Mr. Archer said he considered the fair an intolerable nuisance; but it appeared to him that the question before the meeting was one mainly for the consideration of the landholders, for it would cost £500 a year for lighting and watching, and as £200 were now expended for lighting the town, it would be for the land-holders to say whether they were prepared to be taxed to the amount of £300 per ann.

Mr. W Harlock, sen., thought the subject required must consideration.

The Bishop undertook to consult Mr Archer, with the view of doing away with the fair.

The Chairman did not see but that Mr. Bacon (of whom he could find no fault), with the assistance of others, could keep the town quiet, and give the inhabitants that protection which their persons and property required; but it was not likely men would do it for nothing. They once had fees and emoluments from the parish to remunerate them, but since the passing of the Poor Law Act, there was no source from whence they could be paid.

The Rev. G. Millers, as a magistrate, said this was the first time he had heard of breaches of the peace being committed in the High St recently. He had sworn in some special constables for the fair, and had advised more, but the constables thought there was sufficient number.

One single case only had been brought before him, and that was for a violent assault (by two men out of the town), and he hoped the parties would be shortly in custody.

Mr. H. Lawrence did not think the fair the great evil. He was sorry to say that amongst the poor thieving was going on to a great extent, and they would even go and stand upon the road and rob, and they openly committed depredations which would lead to worse offences.

They must, if they attempted anything, have a police to check the vice and immorality which now profaned the streets; there were many young, 16 or 18 years of age, who would otherwise be drawn in and ruined.

Mr. Spooner defended the poor of Ely, whom he did not believe deserved the character just given them. There was no place in England where wages were so low as in Ely, and a judge and jury would always consider it in mitigation of punishment where the family of a prisoner were crying of

hunger and cold. There were farmers and brewers present who were giving but 8s and 9s a week, and an additional shilling to their horse-keepers; and he was sorry to say he knew but of one exception (some confusion) which was that of Mr. Wm. Goodliffe, who was paying his men 12s and 13s per week.

He repeated he knew of some men with families, who were earning only 9s and some 8s per week – 10 s was the general wages, which, at the present price of flour, was not sufficient.

The Chairman said he had no conception that anything of that nature would have been laid to their charge, and begged, as far as regarded himself, to deny that he was not giving more wages than 10s a week; he had no objection to every man on his farm giving an account of his earnings – his labour-roll was open to the inspection of Mr. Spooner, or any other gentleman. He had men on his farm earning 10s., 12s, and 15s, and 18s a week, and men and boys in one family that were earning 30s a week; there were men whom he paid less, and he was glad to say that he had men who were better worth 14s and 16s than others were worth 8s.

He would thank Mr Spooner, to substantiate his charge, and he challenged him to do it. Mr S. had no doubt taken this step to gain little paltry popularity with the poor, but he could not have considered what a frightful situation he might place the neighbourhood in, by thus fomenting the poor man's mind, and making him discontented. He (the Chairman) felt respect for the poor man, and should always be proud to further his prosperity.

Mr. Spooner, in reply, said he had not named any one but had stated the truth.
Mr. James Cropley said he paid 11s per week
Mr. Spooner: How long have you paid 11s?
Mr. J Cropley: One week.

The Bishop said he thought the question of wages a very dangerous one to discuss – some persons of necessity must have larger, and some less.

He himself gave 14s in summer, and 11s in winter, to the labourers in his garden, being the same as the late Bishop gave. The reason he did not give more, was that he did not wish to make the other labourers of the Town discontented.

Mr G. Hall said, as the brewers had been included in Mr. S.'s charge, and there being but two in the town, he for himself denied the truth of the assertion, and advised that gentleman to go farming again, as he felt quite sure he was talking about what he knew nothing of, he not having a single man in his employ.

Mr. Lawrence said, it appeared that Mr. Spooner was prepared with the truth abroad, but not at home.

Mr Spooner said he had defended the poor of Ely, whose character had been attacked by Mr. Lawrence.

Mr Lawrence said he did not include the poor of Ely, and that Mr. S. had not armed himself with the truth, as he (Mr L) was paying his labourers not less than 12s.
Mr. Wm. Harlock, sen., (the other brewer) denied Mr. Spooners' assertion.

Mr Archer said the meeting had somewhat departed from its object, and proposed that a committee of six householders and six landholders be appointed to take the subject of having police into consideration.

Mr Goodliffe said he neither wanted his land watched or lighted, and should decidedly oppose being rated for it.

Mr W. Claxton said he held in his hand a statement, by which it appeared that not a single individual from Ely was committed for trial at the last two assizes at Ely, and the last April, July, and October sessions for the Isle of Ely.

The Chairman, seeing no probability of the meeting deciding upon anything, after consulting with the Bishop, dissolved it, without putting any question.

November 24 1838

A Meeting will be held in the Shire Hall, Ely, on Thursday November 27 at eleven o'clock a.m. for the purpose of establishing District Committees of the Two Societies, for Promoting Christian Knowledge and for the Propogation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.
The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Ely will take the Chair.

December 1 1838

The above meeting at which were present all the clergymen of the neighbouring parishes, was opened by the Lord Bishop of Ely, who, in commencing the business of the meeting, said it required few words from him to introduce to their notice the objects of the societies. Long experience had taught parish priests how efficient they were – so valuable, indeed, that they could not go on without them; for in large parishes, where persons were badly supplied with the Bible, it could not be expected, however wealthy individuals might be, they could purchase and distribute at their own expense that which was so requisite for the happiness of all, and in the present state, when so many were leaving their native land for the colonies, it would be a great satisfaction that they should have continued to them the blessings which they enjoyed here, and which would be so difficult were it not for the assistance of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts – and if the Voluntary Principle could do anything, it was here.

Long account of meeting on Page1 col. 3.

December 8 1838

Ely Coronation Festival

A Meeting was held on Saturday last, at the Shire-Hall, Ely, for the purpose of considering the best mode of disposing of the surplus of £48 which was left unexpended after the late Coronation Festival. William Layton, the High Sherriff, having been called to the chair, the Rev. W. Selwyn moved, that the balance in hand, and also the amount of a subscription to be entered into, be expended in the purchase of blankets, to be distributed among the poor. Thos Page, Esq., seconded the proposition, and said that blankets would not only be beneficial to many families at this season of the year, but would serve as a memorial to commemorate the event, by the word "Victoria" being woven in each blanket. The Chairman said, he had great pleasure in supporting the proposition.

Mr Matthew Scott, said, he hoped the Guardians would give instructions to the relieving officers not to take advantage of the subscription about to be raised by any reduction of the weekly allowances of the poor. The Sheriff said, as chairman of the Board of Guardians he would take care that the recommendation was attended to.

There being no opposition the proposition was carried unanimously, a subscription was raised in the room and a committee appointed to carry the proposition into effect, and make a report at another meeting. The chairman said, before the meeting dispersed he had the pleasure to inform them that the subscription entered into by the inhabitants to present Mr William Marshall, jun., secretary to their Coronation Festival Fund with some testimony for his exertion, had closed, and it was most satisfactory to hear that the amount subscribed would enable them to present him with a very handsome silver ink-stand, as a well-merited testimony of respect for his ready attention and unremitting exertions during the arrangements of the late festival. Mr. Marshall having returned thanks, the meeting separated, after passing a vote of thanks to the Chairman which he acknowledged. The ink-stand will be presented to Mr. Marshall at the Shire-Hall on Monday 31st inst., and a dinner given the same day at the White Hart Inn, to commemorate the event.

December 15 1838
December 22 1838
Marriage – On Tuesday last, at the Church of St Mary le Strand, London, Charles Crudgington, Esq., of Kidderminster, to Miss Pond of Ely.

Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be held at the Sessions House, Wisbech, on Wednesday 2nd January next, at Ten o'clock, forenoon, at which hour the chair will be taken; and all Jurors, Constables, and parties bound by recognizance are required to give their attendance accordingly.
Hugh Jackson,
Clerk of the Peace.
December 29 1838
We understand the dinner at the White Hart Inn, on Wednesday 2nd January next, to commemorate the presentation of a beautiful silver ink-stand to Mr. William Marshall, jun., Secretary to the Coronation Festival, is likely to be numerously and respectably attended.

William Layton, Esq., with his accustomed liberality, has distributed this Christmas a fat bullock among this labourers and the poor of Chettisham. Such kindnesses accompanied by supplying soup and other necessaries, as well as finding employment, go very far to mitigate the pressure that the present temporary and unexpected advance in bread may have upon the labouring classes.

The Messrs Rayner, Mr. Lawrence, and Mr. James Cropley, of this town, have with their usual liberality distributed each a fat bullock this Christmas among their labourers and other poor.

The Messrs Martin of Downham and Littleport, Mr John Cuttock and Mr Charles Mosely, of the latter place, have also given their labourers a liberal supply of meat. Such conduct is beyond all praise and well would it be were similar praiseworthy and laudable examples more generally followed.
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January 5 1839
Eau Brink Drainage
Notice is hereby given, that a General Half-yearly Meeting of the Commissioners of Drainage, acting in execution of the several Acts of Parliament, relating to the New River or Cut from Eau Brink to Kings Lynn, Norfolk, will be held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Friday 25th January, inst,, at Eleven o'clock forenoon.
Dated this 1st January
Thos. Archer, Clerk to the Commissioners

Isle of Ely Sessions – held at Wisbech on Wednesday, there were no cases of importance except the following Charles Cullidge, surgeon, of March, and his servant, charged with stealing a piece of carp, a shirt, and various other articles, the property of Henry Brett, of march. Jury found verdict of not guilty.

James Moyes, found guilty of stealing four logs, the property of Mr Thos. Webster of Newton, sentenced to seven years transportation.

January 12 1839
Ely Jan 11th
On Wednesday 2nd inst., a dinner on a very extensive scale, took place at the White Hart Inn, in this town, on the occasion of presenting to Mr. William Marshall, jun., a silver ink-stand in acknowledgement of his services as honorary secretary of the Coronation festival, and in testimony of the subscribers' esteem for his private character. The chair was taken by the High Sheriff (W

Layton Esq.,) who presented the piece of plate with a warm eulogium, and Mr Marshall acknowledged the honour paid him in very feeling and happy language.

William Harlock Esq. as vice-chairman rendered a willing and most satisfactory assistance, and the proceedings altogether were remarkable for the general good feeling that existed. Great credit is due to the landlord, Mr Matthew Scott, for his arrangements and the sumptuous dinner he placed on the table.

(We regret that by some accident our report of the above proceedings did not reach us in time for insertion last week – Ed. C.C.)

Subscriptions to the amount of £153 have been laid out in purchasing blankets for the poor of this city.

Classical and Commercial School
Fore Hill, Ely
Mr W Trigg, with gratitude to his friends for their very kind patronage and support, respectfully announces that the duties of his School will be resumed on Monday 21st January.

Bell Inn, Ely
Commercial House and Family Hotel
Thomas Spencely respectfully offers his grateful acknowledgement to those kind friends who have for a period of fourteen years so kindly patronized him at the above inn; and he takes this opportunity of informing them and the public in general, that in consequence of his House having lately been rebuilt upon the most modern principle, and fitted up with every comfort and convenience, he is now able to offer such accommodation to them as will ensure to him that approbation which he is ever anxious to merit.

The Lynn Union Coach to London, every morning (Sundays excepted) at 10 o'clock: and the Lynn and Wells Royal Mail every evening at the same hour.

Wines and Spirits of the most approved quality.

Neat Flys, Gigs, and Saddle Horses always ready.
Ely January, 1839

January 19 1839

Death at Ely, on Tuesday last, after a few hours illness, aged 39, Mr Wm. King, brewer for Messrs. Hall, of that place, and eldest son, of Mr. W. King of Castle Street, Cambridge.

Burnt Fen First District.
Payment and Taxes
Notice is hereby given, that the Commissioners of the said District, did at an Adjourned Half-yearly Meeting, holden at the White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Wed. 18 April 1838 assess, rate and charge all and singular the fen lands and low grounds within the said District (except such as lie beyond the Cross Bank), with a tax of Ninepence per acre, and a gradual Acre Tax not exceeding One Shilling and Sixpence per acre, and a further gradual acre Tax not exceeding Three Shillings per acre, on each and every acre of the said fen lands and low grounds and so in proportion for any less quantity than an acre, and that the said several taxes have been ordered by the said Commissioners to be paid to me, as their Receiver, at my office in Ely, within the month of February next.

And notice is hereby also given, that any person liable to the payment of the said rates and taxes, and omitting to pay the same to me for twenty days from the twenty-eighth day of the said month of February, will forfeit and be required to pay to the Commissioners, by way of penalty for every such omission, the sum of three shillings and fourpence for every twenty shillings of the said rates and taxes which shall be so in arrear and unpaid.
Dated 16th day of January 1939
Thomas Archer
Clerk and Receiver to the said Commissioner

January 26 1839

Death on Sunday, 20th inst., at the Vicarage Littleport, Sarah, the beloved wife, of the Rev. A Gatenby, and eldest daughter of the late Seth Bull, Esq., of Ely.

Association For the Prosecution of all kinds of Felony within the Hundred of Ely and South Part of the Hundred of Witchford.
Notice is hereby given, that the Annual Meeting of the Members of this Association, for the purpose of passing the Agents' Accounts, and enlarging or rescinding the present Rules, if necessary, will be held at the Club Inn, in Ely, on Saturday, 2nd February, next, between the hours of two and four o'clock in the afternoon.
Hy. Pigott, Agent

February 2 1839

Death – On the 23 ult., at Ely, Mr Arthur Edward Judson aged 32 years.

Valuable Estates at Ely and Stuntney
To Be Sold by Auction,
By John Cross
At the Lamb Inn, in Ely on Thursday 7th Feb., next, between the hours of six and eight in the evening subject to such Conditions of Sale as will then be produced.
The Undermentioned Premises
Late the property of Mr. Robert Dix, of Ely, deceased
In Ely
Lot 1, All those Two Cottages, with the appurtenances, situate in Walpole-lane, in Ely St Mary, partly occupied by James Hart, and part untenanted. – Quit rent 10d.

Lot 2. All those Three substantial brick and tiled Tenements, with the Stable, Out-Buildings, Garden, and appurtenances thereto belonging and adjoining, situate in Flack's-lane in Ely Trinity, now in occupation of Matthew Adams, John Armstead and John Cross. Quit rent 1s.

Lot 3. All that Cottage or Tenement, situate in Ely, aforesaid, near the Black Wing Mill, Middle Fen Bank, standing upon Sixteen poles of land (more or less) as the same is now in occupation of Benjamin Cross.

N.B. Lot 1 is Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Porta, Lot 2 of Ely Barton and Lot 3 is Freehold.

In Stuntney
Lot 4. All that messuage divided into two Tenements, with Farm-yard, Garden, Stable and Out-buildings thereto belonging, situate at Stuntney, next the High Road to Soham and Ely, now in occupation of John Hatch and Joseph Long, or his Undertenants Quit rent 6d.

Lot 5. All that Close of Pasture, situate in Half-acre lane in Stuntney, called "the Leys" containing Seven Roods lying next the Drove north and west, Wm. Apsey south and Mrs Hammond east. Quite rent 4d.

Lot 6. All that Close of Pasture situate in Half Acre lane also called "The Leys," containing Three acres and Three roods lying next the Drove west, Mrs Hammond north and east, and Wm. Apsey south. Quit rent 2s 3d.

Lot 7. All those six Acres, Three Roods and Twelve Poles of inclosed Arable Land situate in Half Acre lane, called "The Dairies", lying next the Drove south, land of H. Lawrence north and east, and Jugg's Heirs west. Quit rent 1s.

Lot 8. All those Ten acres and Thirty-one Poles of Fenland situate in Stuntney, in a place called "The Dunstall", lying next Dunstall Drove west, Land of Ely Lay Clerks, east, H. Lawrence north, and Jugg's Heirs south. Quit rent 1s. 2d.

The Purchaser of this lot will be required to take the crop of wheat now growing upon the same, at a valuation to be made on the 25 March next.
N. B. All the above premises are in the occupation of Joseph Long, who is under notice to quit at Lady Day next.

One Acre part of Lot.6. is Freehold; the remainder of the said lot, together with lots 4,5,7 & 8, are Copyhold of the Manor of Stuntney.

The Whole of the Estates are offered for sale by Mr. C. Finch, under a direction contained in the will of the said Robert Dix, deceased.

Further information on application to Mr. Charles Finch, Cambridge, or Mr. Marshall, Solicitor, Ely.

February 9 1839

February 16 1839

Marriage – On the 7th inst., at Barnwell old Church (by the Rev. Thomas Boodle) Mr John Diver, cook of Jesus College, Cambridge, to Miss Lydia Kempton, late of Ely.

Death – On the 9th inst., aged 13 months, Mary, the beloved child of William Layton, Esq, Wood House, Ely.

Ely – Feb 14th. An inquest was held on Saturday last, before Mr. H. R. Evans, jun., one of the coroners for the Isle of Ely, on the body of William Matthews, who was accidently drowned on the preceding day, near Ely bridge. It appeared in evidence that the poor man, who was a servant of William Bryant, Esq., of Newmarket, had been to Ely with a wagon and four very valuable horses, for some bricks, and on his return at the bridge he took off the three fore horses of the team, for the purpose of washing their legs, (leaving the shaft horse in the wagon), and rode the fore horse, followed by the other two, into the water, by the side of a deep docking, of which, being a stranger, he was not aware, and the edge of which has hid by the water being much swollen. The first two horses tumbled headlong into the docking, and before assistance could be got to the spot, the poor man and the fore horse were drowned. The second horse was very nearly drowned, and was with much difficulty rescued, the third horse hung back, and did not get into the docking, all three horses were reined up, Matthews had never been to Ely before, and it is therefore surprising that he should have ventured into the water, of which he knew not the depth, nor the nature of the bottom, and that too, at a time when, from the rapid thaw there was a flood of water; A poor boy who saw him near his danger, endeavoured to warn him, but laboured under such a distressing impediment in his speech, that he could not do so in time to save him.

A large party of gentlemen on Tuesday last, at the White Lion Inn, to celebrate the introduction of gas into the parish of St. Mary, in this city. The attention of "mine host" greatly contributed to the

pleasures of the evening, which were kept up until a late hour, the company declaring that the brilliancy of the gas was equalled only by the excellency of Griffin's wine.

In pursuance of a Requisition from Owners and Occupiers of land in Cambridge and Isle of Ely.

A Meeting will be held at the Court House, in Ely, on Thursday 21st February, at Twelve o'clock precisely for the purpose of considering the propriety of Petitioning both Houses of Parliament against any alteration in the Corn Laws.
R.H. Hussey, High sheriff.

Turnpike Road
Leading from Cambridge to Ely, and from thence to Soham, called "the South District".
In pursuance of a Requisition from three of the Trustees of the said Turnpike road, notice is hereby given, that the General Annual Meeting of the said Trustees will be holden at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Monday, 18th March next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon and that at the said Meeting new Trustees will be chosen to supply the vacancies in the said Trust occasioned by death or otherwise.
H. R. Evans, Clerk

Turnpike Road – Leading from the Lamb Corner in Ely, to the Chequer Corner in Downham in the County of Norfolk called the "North West District."

The General Annual Meeting of the Trustees will be holden at the White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Saturday 23rd March next, at eleven o'clock, forenoon. New Trustees will be chosen to supply the vacancies occasioned by death or otherwise.
H. R. Evans, Clerk.

February 23 1839

We are sorry to learn, that a system of plunder is being carried on to a very great extent in the city of Ely. On the night of Thursday week, Mr John Fuller had two pigs stolen from his farmyard. On the same evening a quantity of potatoes were stolen from the premises of Mr. Edward Hills, and a quantity of poultry from the farm yard of Mr. R. Hills.

On Tuesday night last, the mill of Mr. Wilks was broken into, and a quantity of wheat stolen. On the following evening they broke into a granary adjoining the mill, and carried off upwards of a coomb of wheat and a quantity of flour.

There appears to be no doubt but that the thieves have a market in the neighbourhood for their stolen property, and we hope 'ere long they, as well as their depredators will be brought to justice.

£50 reward has been offered for their apprehension and conviction.

County and Isle Meeting
On the Corn Laws
The excitement in the neighbourhood on the subject of the Corn Laws, greatly increased by the extraordinary conduct of the Ministers with regard to it, has ended as we expected in a county meeting. On the 9th inst., it was determined to present a requisition to the High Sheriff; in three days the signatures of the Lord Lieutenant and 100 others of the largest proprietors and occupiers in the county were affixed to it, and the Sheriff, on being applied to, at once assented to the wishes of the requisitionists, and fixed Thursday last (21st) for the Meeting at Ely, on Thursday it accordingly took place, and a larger or more respectable one, we take upon ourselves to say, was never

witnessed in this county and isle upon a similar occasion. In a few moments after the doors were thrown open, the Court House was crowded to suffocation in every part.

Long account to be found on page 2 cols 3,4,5,6.

March 2 1839

Savings Bank Ely

A General Meeting of Persons favourable to the establishment of a Savings Bank at Ely, will take place at the Shire Hall, in Ely, on Wednesday 6th March next, at twelve o'clock at noon, for the purpose of considering the Rules and Regulations proper to be adopted by the Society, and of nominating a President, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, Managers, and officers.

Ely. Feb. 28, 1839

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Ely Union

The Churchwardens and Overseers of the several parishes comprised in the above Union, and hereinafter named, will, in pursuance of the order of the Poor Law Commissioners for England and Wales, proceed on the first day of April next to the election of the number of Guardians of the Poor set opposite the names of such parishes, for the year ending 30th March, 1840.

	No. of Guardians		No. of Guardians
Ely Trinity	Six	Stretham	One
Ely St Mary	Three	Wilburton	One
Littleport	Three	Mepal	One
Downham	Two	Witcham	One
Witchford	One	Coveney	One
Haddenham	Two	Wentworth	One
Sutton	Two	Thetford	One

Any person entitled to vote in any of the said parishes may propose, as the Guardian or Guardians thereof, any number (not exceeding the number to be there elected) of persons who are severally rated to the poor rate of any parish in the Union in respect of property of the annual value or rental of £20.

The proposal must be written, and must state the names, residences, and callings of the persons proposed and the name of the proposer, and must be delivered to one of the churchwardens and overseers of such parish on or before the 25th March inst.

Owners of rateable property in such parish, as well as rate-payers are entitled to vote, provided their names are on the register of owners, or if they send to the churchwardens and overseers before the day of election their claims to vote, with a statement of their names and addresses and a description of their property.

Owners may also vote by proxy; but proxies must make the statements above mentioned for their principals and transmit to the churchwardens and overseers the originals or attested copies of their appointments.

In a case of a contest for the offices of Guardian in any of the said parishes the votes will be given in papers to be left, by the churchwardens and overseers two days, at least, before the day fixed for the election, at the houses of those residents of the parish who are entitled to vote. All residents out of the parish, and all persons who become entitled after that day, must apply to one of the churchwardens and overseers for voting-papers on the day of the election.

The forms of nomination papers, statements of owners, and appointment of proxy, may be seen and copied by voters at the Board-room in the New Union Workhouse at Ely.

William Marshall, jun.,

Clerk to the Board of Guardians.

Ely Union Contracts
The Board of Guardians of the above Union give Notice, that they will at their Weekly Meeting at the Board room, in the New Workhouse at Ely, on Thursday 21st inst., receive Tenders for supplying the said Workhouse and the Out-door paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief districts with the following articles, from 28th inst., to 26th June next, inclusive viz:-
Good Thirds Flour, at per stone.
Bread made of same quality flour (24 hours old) at per 4lb loaf.
To be delivered at the said Workhouse at such times and in such quantities as the Board of Guardians shall order, and to be supplied to the paupers in every Parish in such quantities as shall be expressed in tickets issued by the Relieving Officer. Each Tender must be made for supplying one Relief District at least.

They are also desirous of contracting from the said 28th inst., to the 29th September next inclusive for such quantities of the undermentioned articles as may from time to time be required at the Said Workhouse, or for the use of the said Union.

Provisions etc.
Beef (without bone) Mutton and Suet, at per stone.
Cheese, Rice, and Potatoes at per cwt.
Hard yellow soap, Salt, moist Sugar, Oatmeal, and Soda, at per stone
Butter, Tea and dip Candles, at per lb
Peas at per coomb
Small Beer, at per barrel, Ale at per gallon, and Coals at per ton
Clothing etc.
Haverhill Drabbett, at per price of 20 yards
Mens', Womens', Boys', Girls', ankle shoes, and strong
Knitted Worsted stockings, at per pair. Worsted at per lb.
Cocoa-Nut Fibre, at per cwt.
Sealed Tenders indorsed "Tenders for Flour", or as the case may be, to be sent to me (free of expense) on or before 9 a.m. of the said 21st inst., and samples must be produced at the meeting. Contractors to give such security for the performance of their Contract as the Board may require but the Guardians do not pledge themselves to accept the lowest or any of the tenders.

N.B. All persons having any demands upon the above Union are requested to send in their bills to me, on or before 1st April, next, containing the full particulars of the articles furnished, or work done, under the orders of the Board, up to and including the 27th inst., accompanied by the orders themselves.
By Order of the Board
Wm. Marshall, jun., Clerk
March 23 1839
Ely – To Be Sold by Auction
(under the direction of the Guardians of the Ely Union, and by order of the Poor Law Commissioners) at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, aforesaid, on Thursday 4th April next, between the hours of Five and Seven in the evening, (Subject to such conditions of sale as will then be produced)
The Following Extensive and Valuable Freehold Premises
All that Messuage or Tenement and Premises, with the several Yards, Buildings, and Appurtenances thereto, belonging, situate and being in the Fore-hill in Ely, aforesaid, facing the end of Broad Street, and containing a frontage of 78 feet or thereabouts; formerly used as a Parish Workhouse, but latterly occupied as one of the temporary workhouses of the Ely Union.

The above Premises occupy an acre one rood in extent, and (being advantageously situated in a central and populous part of the City, at a very short distance from the navigable river Ouze), are eligible either for an Inn, Public Brewery, Malting establishment, or Manufactory.

Immediate possession may be had on payment of the purchase money.

For further particulars apply to Mr Marshall, jun., Clerk to the Board of Guardians, Ely, or to the Parish Officers of Ely Trinity.

March 30 1839

Archdeaconry of Ely
Easter Visitation
Notice is hereby given that the Easter Visitations of the Worshipful John Henry Sparke, Clerk, Master of Arts, Chancellor of the Diocese of Ely for all places within the said Diocese, will be held for the Deanery of Ely, at the Parish Church of the Holy Trinity, in Ely, on Thursday, 4th April next at twelve o'clock.

Isle of Ely
Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at the Sessions House in Ely, on Wednesday 10th April next, at ten o'clock forenoon, at which hour the chair will be taken, and all Jurors, Constables, and Parties bound by recognizances, and others having occasion to attend are required to give their attendance accordingly.

And Notice is hereby further given – In pursuance of an Act passed in the 4th and 5th years of his late Majesty's reign, cap.48, for regulating the expenditure of county rates and funds in aid thereof; that the propriety of Rating, Assessing, and Charging the several parishes, townships, and other places within the said Isle, with a sum not exceeding one penny in the pound, by way of a rate, or assessment, for the several purposes to which the public stock or Rate for the said Isle, is or shall be liable by law, will be considered.

And the business relating to the assessment, application, or management of such rate or assessment will be commenced publicly, and in open court, on Thursday the 11th (being the second day of the sessions) at the hour of Ten in the morning, if the trial of the prisoners and of the several indictments shall have been then finished, or if not then immediately after that business shall be disposed of.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace

April 6 1839

Death at Ely, on the 26th ult., aged 78, the widow and relict of the Rev. M. Stevens, formerly one of the Minor Canons of Ely Cathedral.

On the 29th ult., aged 84 the wife of John Hall sen., Esq., of Ely.

At a Petty Sessions holden at Ely on Thursday, John Finch, landlord of the Chequers in Ely, was convicted in the penalty of £3. and 14s costs, for permitting cards to be played in his house.

April 13 1839

One night last week, a fat pig, weighing about 13 stone, was stolen from the premises of Mr. John Harlock, of St Mary's Ely. It is supposed the animal was stunned by a blow on the head in order to prevent any alarm, as no noise was heard.

Ely St Mary's
To Be Sold by Auction by Mr. John Cross

Under the direction of the Guardians of the Ely Union, and by Order of the Poor Law Commissioners), at the White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 25 April, between the hours of Five and Seven in the evening.
The following
Extensive and Valuable Premises – A Capital brick and tiled Messuage with the Yard or Garden and capacious Outbuildings thereto belonging, situate in the Parish of Ely Saint Mary, in Ely, formerly used as a Parish Workhouse, but more recently occupied as one of the temporary workhouses of the Ely Union – Copyhold of the Many of Ely Barton: Quit rent. 2s. 6d.

N.B. The above premises are very desirably situated at the entrance of the City from the Cambridge and London road, next which they have an extensive frontage.

Immediate possession may be had, on payment of the purchase money.

For Further particulars apply to Mr. Marshall jun., Clerk to the Ely Union, or to the Parish Officers of Ely St Mary.

Isle of Ely Sessions
Held on Wednesday and Thursday last, before the Rev. Henry Fardell and other Magistrates.

The Chairman regretted he could not congratulate the Grand Jury upon the state of the calendar, the cases being very numerous. After alluding to the importance of having the office of a constable filled by efficient and respectable individuals, the Rev. gent expressed his pleasure at finding that measures were before Parliament for the purpose of rendering the constabulary force much more efficient.

Wm. Nix and Joseph Saberton, appellants; the Parish Officers of Chatteris, respondents – Mr Huddlestone on behalf of the parish officers moved that the rate made subsequent to the arrangement for a new valulation of the parish should be quashed with costs, as also a subsequent surveyors'' rate: to which Mr Pryme, on behalf of the appellants, consented.

John Batley, pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing a shirt from Thos. Smith of Wisbech. – six month's hard labour.

Robert Smith pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing a saw at Wisbech. Six months' hard labour.

Elizabeth Eston (22) was indicted for stealing 44 yds of silk from Mr. Browne, of Wisbech. – Guilty, seven years transportation.

George Frederick Smith (28) was indicted for stealing three gallons of beer from Mr. Henry Ollard, of Wisbech. Guilty, six months' hard labour, three in solitary confinement.

Elizabeth Rutland (49) found guilty of stealing some articles from James Simpson of March. Her face being familiar to the Court having made four appearances at that bar, she was sentenced to seven years' transportation.

Elizabeth Matson (43) found guilty of stealing a pair of boots from Wm. Beeby, of Whittlesey. Six months' imprisonment.

Francis Dolby – indicted for stealing flour from Mr John Burnham of Whittlesey. Prisoner acquitted.

Matthew Glitherow, James Brown, Isaac Glitherow and John Tims were indicted for a riot at Whittlesey on 23 March last. It appeared that on that day a procession of idle boys and young men went round the town on the occasion of some misconduct of a married man, for which it is customary in many places to what is called "ride for them" beating kettles, cans, etc. During the disturbance a horse belonging to Mr Willey was frightened, and a youth named Thomas Nix, killed in consequence. No violent conduct was however proved against the prisoners, and they were acquitted.

William Wade (36) pleaded guilty to four several indictments, charging him with stealing hair from horses, three months' hard labour for each offence.

William Selch pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing one sheepskin, from Mr. Boyce of Whittlesey. Six months' hard labour.

George Peters (13) and Wm. Coatman (16) pleased guilty to an indictment for stealing several pairs of braces at Ely: one month, a week of which to be solitary confinement.

John Smith charged with stealing a peck of potatoes from John Rayner, of Littleport – guilty; two months hard labour.

Henry Fields and Richard Smith, pleaded guilty to an indictment for stealing a candlestick at Chatteris, two months hard labour.

Edward Taylor – found guilty of stealing an iron grate of a cess-pool, from the surveyors of Ely Trinity: 14 days hard labour.

April 20 1839

The Spring Courts of the Rev. the Dean and Chapter of Ely will be holden for the Manor of Ely Porta, on Wednesday 1st May next.

Death at Ely, after a few hours illness, aged 59, Sarah wife of Mr Eassen. Mrs E had partaken of a hearty dinner, and about two hours afterwards was discovered by the fire-place, speechless and insensible, and expired shortly afterwards.

The Lord Chancellor upon the recommendation of the Marquis Tavistock, (Custos Rotulorum of the Isle of Ely) has inserted the Name of William Layton, Esq., late High Sheriff for this County, in the Commission of the Peace – Mr. L took the necessary oaths at the Quarter Sessions as a magistrate for the Isle of Ely.

James Ruff, who was convicted at our Lent assizes last year of a violent assault upon a young female at Chatteris, and sentenced to three years imprisonment, died on Monday last in Ely gaol.

April 27 1839

Witcham Inclosure Act
for inclosing lands in the parish of Witcham and the setting out of Private Roads therein. Some of the land belonging to the Dean and Chapter of Ely.

Death – On Tuesday last, at the Lodge of St. John's College Cambridge, in the 79 year of his age, the Very Rev. James Wood, D.D. Master of St. John's and Dean of Ely. He proceeded to the degree of B.A. in 1782 (in which year he was senior Wrangler) M.A. 1785. B.D. 1793. and D.D. 1815. He was elected Master of St John's in 1815 and presented to the Deanery of Ely in 1820.

May 4 1839

May 11 1839

Marriage at Ely, on the 30th ult., Mr William Sparrow, master waterman, to Margaret, widow of Mr Thomas Smith.

At the Meeting House Ely, on Monday last, Mr. W. Giscard, watchmaker of that city, to Frances Cole; and Mr Isaac Aspland, clerk to Messrs Archer and Son to Mary Cole, daughter of Mr. Wm. Cole, Ely.

Ely May 9th

On Saturday last, as the dray of Messrs G & J Hall was proceeding home from Gillgall, the fore horse, a young one, began to move at a trotting pace; the driver was walking behind talking to another person, but called out to John Gothard, his partner, who usually goes with the dray, and who was riding upon it, to set still, but Gothard jumped off to catch hold of the horse, in doing which he stumbled and fell, the dray passing over his back, breaking his arm in three places and otherwise seriously injuring him. The poor fellow lies in great danger.

Increased value of Fen Land

On Thursday last, 6 Acres of land lying in Middle Fen, was offered for sale by Auction by Mr Matthew Scott, and after some spirited bidding by Messrs Hall, Cheesewright, and Cross, the same was knocked down to Mr John Hall at the price of £502. We understand as an investment for a gentleman but a few years ago this piece of land would have hung upon hand at £100.

May 18 1839

Marriage – on Thursday last, the 16th inst., at St Mary's Newington, Mr H. R. Evans jun., solicitor, of Ely, to Elizabeth, only daughter of William Johnson Esq., of Canterbury Place, Kensington Road.

May 25 1839

June 1 1839

June 8 1839

Isle of Ely – Adjourned Sessions

Will be holden at the Sessions House, in Ely on Thursday 13th June, and by further adjournment, at the Sessions House, in Wisbech, on Saturday 15th June, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon of each day.

Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace

A Special and Adjourned Sessions will be holden at the Griffin Inn at March, on Wednesday 19th June at twelve o'clock noon, on which day and at which hour all business relating to the assessment, application, or management of the Isle Stock or Rate will commence and be done and transacted in open Court.

Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace

The Spring Courts of the Rev. the Dean and Chapter of Ely will be holden for the Manor of Ely Porta on Wednesday 17th June next.

June 15 1839

Costly Furniture and Effects
At the Deanery, Ely
To Be Sold by Auction
By Elliot Smith and Son

At Twelve o'clock each day, on Tuesday and Wednesday, 25 and 26th June, upon the premises by order of the executors of the late very Rev. the Dean.

June 22 1839

Isle of Ely

Notice is hereby given that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, will be holden at the Sessions House in Wisbech, on Wednesday 3rd July next, at Ten o'clock forenoon, at which hour the chair will be taken, and all Jurors, Constables, and Parties bound by recognizance, are required to give their attendance accordingly.

Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace.

June 30 1839

Education – High Street Ely

Misses Hardy, in returning their sincere thanks for favours received, beg to inform their friends and the public that their vacation will terminate on the 22nd July.

July 6 1839

Classical and Commercial school
Fore Hill, Ely

Mr W. Trigg returns his most sincere thanks to his friends for their very liberal patronage and support; and respectfully informs the public, that the present Vacation will terminate on Monday July 22nd.

White Hart

Old Established Commercial Inn
and Family Hotel
Market Place, Ely
Matthew Scott returns thanks to his friends and the public generally for the support he has received nearly eleven years at the above Inn, and respectfully informs them, that during last year (1838) very considerable alterations and improvements were made, by the addition of several airy and comfortable bed and other rooms, now well seasoned (having been occupied some months) and fit for use.

The Stable department is greatly enlarged, the buildings and yard on the White Hart premises, formerly occupied by the late Mr William Legge, builder, having been fitted up with capital loose and other boxes for the accommodation of 30 horses, in addition to the previous extensive stabling, and on application to the Hostler, inclosed yards will be found for the use of Live Stock.

The Tea Garden and Bowling-Green, which is respectably attended and conducted, furnishes satisfactory amusement to strangers visiting Ely.

The London and Lynn Coaches and Mail pass the door daily.

A regular supply of genuine Home-brewed Beer and Table Beer, in casks from 36 gallons to 4½ Wines and spirits, selected from the Docks with the greatest care, and no expence spared to secure a good article.

Port,	3 years in bottle, fit for table, at	£2.2s. a doz.
Sherry	ditto	Ditto

Genuine spirits at reasonable prices
Ely, July 4 1839
July 13 1839
July 20 1839
Isle of Ely Adjourned Sessions
Will be holden at the Sessions House, in Wisbech on Saturday, 27th July inst., at eleven o'clock forenoon.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech 17 July 1839

Abstract of the Accounts of the Treasurers of the Isle of Ely, to the 18th June, 1839 passed and allowed at a Special Sessions of the Peace, holden at March, in and for the said Isle on the 19 June 1839.

Receipt	£	S	D
By Balance of last account	248	3	0
On account of Isle Rates	3534	12	6
The Treasurer of the Town of Cambridge a moiety of contribution money paid for Prisoners in the Fleet, Queens Bench and Marshalsea Prisons	5	0	0
Amount of Fines received under convictions for false and deficient measures weights and balance Amount of ditto under Beer Act Amount of ditto for breach of Alehouse Licenses Amount of ditto for assaults Amount of ditto under Game and Malicious Injury Acts	50	13	6
A moiety of expenses on criminal prosecution and conveyance of convicts	552	11	3
Sums received by the Inspectors of Weights and measures	12	19	11

Ditto for sale of the Old Gallows in Ely	1	0	0
Ditto for ditto of five copies of the Register of Voters	1	5	0
	£4406	5	2

Expenditure	£	S	D
To Balance of last accounts	140	3	0
Expenses of conveying Vagrants and offenders to Gaol, relieving Poor Travellers, and charges of pursuing Felons	109	18	10½
Prosecution Orders at Assizes and Sessions	900	1	5
Expenses of House of Correction	1140	10	11¼
Ditto of Sessions Houses	31	8	0½
Repairs of Shire Halls and Houses of Correction, and for Insurance and Land Tax	160	1	2
Contribution Money for Prisoners in the Fleet, Queens Bench, and Marshalsea Prisons	10	0	8
Treasurers Salaries	60	0	0
Clerk of the Peace, Clerk of Assize, and the Magistrates Clerks for general Business	243	8	2
Contingent Bills at Assizes, Sessions and Petty sessions	7	9	4
Coroner's accounts	367	14	3
Salaries to the Receivers of Assize returns			
Ditto to High constables and others and for their incidental expenses	107	19	5
Printing, advertising, Stationers' bills, stamps and postages	30	6	8
Repairing Bridges		13	6
Expenses of conveying felons to the Hulks	39	0	0
Militia Account			
Allowance to Inspector of Weights and Measures and for incidents	26	3	5
Repairs of Tread Mill	9	19	10
Clerk of the Peace's Bill under the Reform and Boundary Act, printing copies of Registers of Voter, and for incidental expenses	139	14	10
Incidental Expenses	201	15	0
Balance due to the Isle	669	16	7¾
	£4406	5	2
Arrears of rate.	219	9	4

H R Evans
Hugh Jackson
Treasurers

July 27 1839

Savings Bank – Ely

Notice is hereby given, that a Provident Bank for Depositing Savings will be opened on Thursday 1st August next, at the house of Mr. T. A. Hills, Printer, Ely, and will continue every Thursday from Eleven to One o'clock, for the purpose of receiving deposits etc.

New Union Workhouse Ely

To Builders and others

Notice is hereby given, that Plans and Specifications of Hospitals to be erected at the above Workhouse, will lie at my office in Ely, on and after Monday next, the 29th July inst., until Monday the 5th August inclusive, for the inspection of persons desirous of contracting for the erection of the said buildings.

The works are to be commenced immediately after the contract is entered upon.

Sealed tenders indorsed "Tender for Hospitals etc., at Ely Union Workhouse," to be delivered at my office (free of expense) before ten o'clock, a.m. of the 5th August next, on which day the Guardians will meet at the said workhouse for the purpose of receiving and deciding upon the same.

Security will be required for the due performance of the Contract, and the party whose tender is accepted must immediately deliver in the names of one or more persons at his surety or sureties; but the Board do not pledge themselves to accept the lowest or any of the tenders.
By Order of the Board
Wm. Marshall, jun.,
Clerk to the Ely Union

Barton Farm Ely
12 Valuable Cart Horses and Mares
Six superior Nags
And Four capital narrow-wheel Waggons
The property of Jonathan Page Esq.,
To Be Sold by Auction. By C Legge & Son
On Barton Farm, in Ely, on Wednesday 7th August next,
precisely at Three o'clock in the afternoon.
Credit will be given on approved joint security until 1st November next.

To Brewers, Publicans, and Others
Old – Established
Freehold Public-House
"The Three Blackbirds"
Broad Street, Ely
To Be Sold by Auction by C. Legge & Son
At the Bell Inn, in Ely, aforesaid, on Thursday 8th August next,
between the hours of six and eight in the evening.
The following valuable Freehold Premises consisting of all that old-established and well accustomed Free Public House, called "The Three Blackbirds", situate in Broad Street, in the city of Ely, with extensive yard, in which are stables for 10 Horses, Brewhouse, large Barn used as a Boatwrights' Shop, Granary, Limekiln in full trade, a thriving Orchard well planted with young tree, and a Garden, the whole containing One Acre and a half (more of less).

The above valuable Property is well situated for a Mercantile Establishment, or Brewery, as it has a good quay upon the premises, and a convenient road for conveying goods to and from the river Ouze, which is navigable to Cambridge, St Ives, Peterborough, Bury St Edmunds, and the sea-port towns of Lynn and Wisbech.

Further particulars of the Proprietor, Mr Wm. Rolfe, of Denver, near Downham Market, or the Auctioneer, High St. Ely.

August 3 1839
August 10 1839
August 17 1839
August 24 1839
August 31 1839
Death – On Tuesday last, in the College Ely, Barbara Anne, the wife of the Rev. S. Smith M.A.
September 7 1839
The Bishop of Ely will hold an Ordination at Ely, on Sunday 1st December next. Candidates for Holy Orders are desired to transmit the requisite papers to his Lordship, at the Palace, Ely (in coverance not exceeding one ounce in weight) on or before the 1st November next – Candidates for Deacons' Orders are to give immediate notice to his Lordship, of their intention to offer themselves.
Palace, Ely, Aug. 31st 1839

Extensive and Important
Stock Sale, Barton Farm, Ely
Matthew Scott begs respectfully to acquaint Dealers, Farmers, and the Public, that he has been directed by Jonathan Page, Esq., of Ely, to offer by auction, on Friday, the 20th September, 1839

All the well known valuable Live Stock, Farming Implements, and Effects, on the above-named farm, (which Mr Page retires from at Michaelmas, next, and is let) without any reserve whatever.
September 14 1839
Burnt Fen First District
A General Half-yearly Meeting of the Commissioners acting under Acts of Parliament for the Drainage of the District will be held at the Lamb Inn, Ely, on Thursday 3rd October next.
Thos Archer, Clerk to the Commissioners.

Ely Union Contracts
The Board of Guardians of the above Union give Notice, that they will, at their weekly meeting at the Board-room in the New Workhouse, at Ely, on Thursday 19th inst., receive Tenders for supplying the said Workhouse, and the Out-door Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief Districts, with the following Articles.
Bread and Flour – from the 26th inst., to the 25th December next.
Provisions and Clothing – from 26th inst., to the 26th March next
Instructions and Conditions the same as previous quarters.
September 21 1839
Ely, Sept. 20th.
At a Petty Sessions holden at Ely on the 12th inst., the following persons were convicted on the information of Mr. John Bacon, inspector of weights and measures, for the Hundred of Ely, in the several sums, including costs, for having false and deficient weights and measures in their possessions. –

	£	S	D
Wm. Okey, publican, Ely, and Francis Cropley, publican, Ely, each	1	12.	6
Christopher Thurston, publican, Ely		17	6
Joseph Watson and Thomas Lister, butchers, Ely, each	1	7	6
Ruth Worster, shop keeper, Ely	2	2	6
Thomas Taylor, publican, Littleport,		15	0
John Thorpe, shopkeeper, Prickwillow for having fraudulent flour scales		13	0
Briggs Savage, publican, Twenty Pence Ferry		2	15
William Coxall, of Hillrow, shopkeeper,		1	10
At the same time William Rust, of the Royal Oak, was fined Including costs, for drawing beer during divine service the Sunday preceding.		2	10

Robbery – On Monday night last, the hen-roost of Messrs. W. and J. Harlock at Stuntney, near Ely, was broken into and 15 white guinea fowls, 2 white cocks, 10 white brood hens, and 9 white chickens stolen, a reward of £5. is offered.

Seven Horses, Fifteen head of Cow Stock
Donkey, Two Pigs, Farming Implements
Dairy and Brewing Utensils etc.
Ely
To Be Sold by Auction
By C Legge & Son
On the premises, in Walpole Lane, Ely, on Wednesday 2nd October next, all the truly valuable Live and Dead stock, of Mr Thomas Evans, who is retiring from Business.

September 28 1839

Death at Ely, on Thursday last, aged 66 years, Mr. Edward Lutt for many years master of the Free School, at that place.

Lay Clerks – There is at this time a Vacancy in the Choir of Ely Cathedral. The Voice wanted is a Counter Tenor. The election will not take place before 25th November, but testimonials of character and qualifications must be sent to the Rev. G. Millers Registrar, College Ely, by the 7th of that month. Every Candidate must be thoroughly acquainted with Choir Service, and must specify his age.
All letters must be post paid.
Ely, Sept. 24th, 1839.

October 5 1839

Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at the Sessions House Ely, on Wednesday 16th October, at Ten o'clock forenoon, at which hour the chair will be taken and all Jurors, Constables, and Parties bound by recognizance, and others having occasion to attend, are required to give their attendance accordingly.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech. Oct. 1 1839

Downham near Ely
To Be Sold by Auction
By C. Legge and Son
At the Lamb Inn, Ely, on Thursday 17th Oct inst.
between six and eight in the evening.
Valuable Estates of Fen or Marsh Land in Downham

October 12 1839

Turnpike Road, leading from Cambridge to Ely, and from thence to Soham etc., called the "South District".
In pursuance of a Requisition from three of the Trustees. Notice is hereby given, that a Special Meeting of the said Trustees will be holden at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Monday 28th October inst., at eleven o'clock forenoon, for the purpose of considering the propriety of applying to the magistrate to apportion part of the Highway Rates of the several Parishes within this District to the repair of the Roads within the same, according to the provisions of the Act 2 and 3 Vic., cap.81.
H. R. Evans, Clerk

Also a meeting of the Commissioners of the Turnpike Road leading from Lamb Corner, Ely, to the Chequer Corner in Downham, Norfolk, called "The North District", will be holden at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on 28th Oct inst., to apportion part of the Highway Rates for repairs of the Roads.

October 19 1839

October 26 1839

Marriage – On Thursday last, at Christchurch, Blackfriars, London, Wm. Martin, Esq., of Wilburton, Isle of Ely, to Miss Evans, of Ely.

Death – On Friday 18th inst., in Welbeck St. London, aged 7 years and 7 months, Gerald de Courey, eldest son of Thomas Page, Esq., of Ely.

Desirable Property – Ely – To Be Sold by Auction
By Matthew Scott
At the White Hart Inn, Ely
On Thursday 7th November next, between the hours of six and eight in the evening.

A substantial and well-built Dwelling House, situate on the Fore Hill Ely, and now in the occupation of Mr. M. W. Cutlack, consisting of a handsome and extensive Shop, two sitting rooms, kitchen, and suitable offices on the ground floor; and a delightful sitting-room on the first floor, and three bedrooms; a good attic, are a kitchen, convenient Yard and Garden, a large cellar or store-room, two Granaries, a two-stall Stable, and a Coach-house.

The above premises, which are well situated, and adapted for an extensive trade, are in excellent repair, and are Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Porta.
Immediate Possession
Further particulars enquire of Messrs Evans & Son, Solicitors, Ely

November 2 1839

Death – On the 26th ult., at the house of his brother, Mr. D. Fortington, at Ely, where he had been staying for the benefit of his health, Mr Adlar Fortington, much respected, and many years the confidential clerk of Alexander Simson, Esq., London.

Valuable Freehold Fen Land
Middle Fen, Ely
To Be Sold by Auction
By C. Legge & Son
At the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 7th November next,
at seven o'clock in the evening.
The following desirable Estate, the property of Mrs Willson – six Acres of valuable pasture Land situate in Middle Fen, in Ely, abutting on Quaney Drove east, land of Mr Day, - west, Mr Thomas Simson south, Mr Wm. Haylock (late Woodbine's) north.
Subject to Middle Fen and Eau Brink Drainage Taxes
Further particulars from Auctioneers or Mr Dench, Solicitor, Ely.

November 9 1839

Ely Nov. 7
On Wednesday 30th ult., an inquest was held at the White Lion Inn, Ely, before H. R. Evans, jun, Gent, coroner, on view of the body of John Hitch, aged two years, who had been left in the house on the previous day by the mother, with two other children, under the care of a little girl seven years of age. Deceased was sitting by the fire at play, when his clothes caught fire, and he ran to the door; a man named Tall observing him, hastened to his assistance and wrapped a cloth around him, but he died a few hours after. – Verdict – burnt to death by accident.

Death – On Friday last, aged 77 years, respected by all who knew him, Mr John Seaber, of Burnt Fen.

On Saturday last, aged 78 years, Mr. Wm. Palmer of Mepal, farmer.

November 16 1839

Ely Nov. 12

On Sunday evening last, between half-past six and eight o'clock, during the absence of Mr William Cropley, Cow-lane, Ely, who with his wife were at a meeting, some daring thieves entered his dwelling house and stole two silver table spoons, five silver tea spoons marked C. B. two salt cellars, one silver cream jug, two gallons of gin, two gallons of elder wine, a new dress coat, several pairs of shoes, a number of shirts, table cloths, keys and other articles. The persons who live in the tenement adjoining, which is part of the house, and only separated by a slight partition, were at home all the evening, but heard nothing, and from the manner in which the robbery seems to have been effected, there is no reason to doubt that the depredators were well acquainted with the premises, but as yet nothing has transpired to lead to detection.

At a Petty Sessions holden in Ely, on Thursday last, a publican of Barnwell near Cambridge, was fined £2.2s for keeping his booth open, at Ely Fair, during the time of Divine Service on Sunday 3rd inst.

November 23 1839

The General Quarter Sessions for the Isle of Ely, will be held by Adjournment at the Sessions House, in Ely, on Thursday 28th November inst, at eleven o'clock forenoon.

Hugh Jackson

Clerk of the Peace

November 30 1839

Ely November 29th

On Tuesday last, Mr Wilkerson of Carlisle, was appointed lay clerk of Ely Cathedral.

On Thursday, at the Petty sessions, Sarah Rayner, beer-house keeper, of Downham, was fined £3, and costs, and Wm Oakey, of Ely, was fined £2 and costs, for keeping their houses open beyond the hour of nine.

Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

On Wednesday last, the annual meeting of the Ely District of the above Society, was held at the Shirehall. The meeting was opened by the Lord Bishop. The Rev. Mr Clay read the report of the Committee, from which it appeared that the Society had issued during the past year – 131 Bibles, 167 Testaments, 278 Prayer Books, 2634 Tracts and 94 Bound books. The receipts for books amounted to £69.17.6d, subscriptions £33.19.6d, donation £1.1s, while the expenditure amounted to £98.9.1d.

The Very Rev. the Dean of Ely, in moving the first resolution said after the very excellent report, he felt it unnecessary to occupy the time by entering upon topics which had been set forth by the report. He was quite sure the more the important objects of the Society were made known, the more it would be enabled to contribute towards the spreading of the sacred truths of Christianity, not only to the distant lands, but also to the poor cottagers at home.

W. Layton, Esq., seconded the resolution and was gratified to find the society in such a flourishing state, and hoped its effects would be extended to those who were still grovelling along the dark and dreary passages of infidelity and superstitions. It was noted with satisfaction that the very Rev. the Dean of Ely had consented to become Vice-President of the Society.

The Rev. Dr. French, in proposing the rule by which the proceedings of the Ely District Committee should be governed, said they had been prepared with great care. The Rev. Henry Tasker seconded the adoption of the rules. The report of the Committee for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts, was then read by the Rev. Solomon Smith.

The Rev. James Banks of Haddenham in proposing that the report be adopted, then related an incident showing how strongly the two societies were linked together.

Thomas Archer, Esq., moved the next resolution expressing his best wishes for the interest of the Societies, and calling the attention of the meeting to the spiritual destitution of the population of the Fens, more especially at Prickwillow which he begged to bring under the notice of his Lordship and the Clergy, in order that something might be done, or dissent would be greatly on the increase. The dissenters were already a numerous class, and there were great numbers who were not the followers of any sect, and were in danger of falling in with the herds of infidels who were planted in the Fens.

The destitute condition of the fens had been anticipated by the government of Charles the second, who had inserted in the charter of the Bedford Level Corporation a clause for the endowment of Chapels and he thought something might be done towards the accomplishment of that object. The Rev. W. Selwyn, seconded the above resolution.

His Lordship said he was extremely glad Mr. Archer had mentioned the subject of Prickwillow, as it had been twice under the consideration of the Dean and Chapter who was anxious to remedy the evil. Archdeacon Cambridge had written to the Society for building churches to apprize them that any application received might be entertained.

The Dean of Ely said it was the first time the subject had been brought under his notice, for having so recently come amongst them, it could not be expected but that his knowledge of the neighbourhood was very limited, but assured the meeting that no exertion should be wanted on his part to forward so desirable an object.

December 7 1839

December 14 1839

Ely Union Contracts

The Board of Guardians of the above union give notice, that they will, at their Weekly Meeting, at the Union Workhouse, on Thursday 19th inst., receive Tenders for supplying the said Workhouse, and the Out-door Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief Districts, with the following articles, from 25th inst., to 26 March 1840.

Good Thirds Flour, at per stone

Bread made of the same quality of Flour (24 hours old) at per 4lb loaf.

By Order of the Board

Wm Marshall, jun., Clerk

Ely Dec. 13

On Thursday night, the 3rd inst., about 11 o'clock, the premises of Mr Henry Pigott, were discovered to be on fire. The servant it appeared had left some live ashes in the Brewhouse, and several tubs having been rolled against the spot, they caught fire, and the accident was not discovered until the brewhouse was in a blaze. The praiseworthy exertions, however, of Mr Pigott's neighbours soon extinguished the flames without much damage being done.

Deaths at Ely – On Sunday last, aged 18 years, Richard, youngest son of Mr Richard Hawkes.

On Thursday, after 3 days illness, aged 30 years, the wife of Mr. James Denton.

Last week, aged 64, Mr Wm. Watts, of Ely. He was a man distinguished by deep research in the Hebrew language, and author of a new edition of the Psalms of David. Mr Watts was eccentric in his manners, but in deeds a worthy and honest man. It is but an act of justice to add that the Rev. Mr. Selwyn, (one of the Prebendaries of Ely Cathedral) attended him to the last moment, and although Mr Watts was a rigid Dissenter, he felt the benefit and comfort in the real Christian consolation of this reverend and worthy divine.

After an illness of three days, Ebeneza, son of Mr Thomas Wilson, plumber and glazier, of Ely.

The following reasons have been urged by a ratepayer of Ely Trinity parish against the adoption of the Constabulary Act – That no sufficient cause can be shown why the parish should be charged with a permanent tax of from £200 - £300 per annum towards the maintenance of the force where there does not exist a necessity for such force. That no riot or tumult is apprehended for the suppression of which the Constabulary Act passed and it will be a complete distortion of it to bring it into operation in the isle of Ely. That the state of crime in Ely Trinity is such as not to demand so expensive a force, and goes far to prove that the present force is sufficient as the following will prove:- the number of robberies which have been committed in this parish which contains between 4 and 5 thousand inhabitants, during the present year is 21, of these 5 have been brought to justice; 4 have been discovered, but the parties refused to prosecute; 3 have taken place in consequence of the parties indiscret conduct - they did not endeavour to obtain justice; and nine have remained undiscovered; the amount of property stolen, excepting that of the 3 men who paid for their folly, does not amount to £11, this compared with the following fact proves much to the credit of this parish.

At the adjourned sessions held at Manchester last week, there were 72 prisoners for trial, all of whom had been committed within the short space of 5 weeks; taking this as an average for the year, 748 offences take place, (and this independent of the numerous offences which remain undiscovered, and of those who are committed for the assizes) being in Manchester One to every 195 inhabitants; - that a very large district in the Fens comprising several thousand acres of land, would be taxed for the maintenance of a force which would be injurious to property there, inasmuch as it would drive bad characters out of the town into the Fen, where it may safely be asserted one robbery does not take place in four years; - that before the act be adopted, in courtesy to those who will have to maintain the force, the concurrence of the rate-payers ought to be maintained.

December 21 1839

December 28 1839

Isle of Ely General Quarter Sessions of the Peace will be holden at the Sessions House in Wisbech, on Wednesday 1st January next, at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, at which hour the chair will be taken; and all Jurors, Constables, and Parties bound by recognizance, and others having occasion to attend are required to give their attendance accordingly.

The Justices' Clerks are requested to send their several Depositions and Recognizances to the office of the Clerk of the Peace, on or before the Saturday preceding.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace

Nothings – By E. Darby, jun., Churton, Holles St.
This is a very unpretending volume, and if any take it up who cannot read poetry except it depict the tempests of the passions, they will not find it to their taste. The author has to do with the little ripples that are the lot of all – he has "lived and loved" like other folks, and, in his book paints, so far as it goes, thoughts and feelings of ordinary mortals. It is by no means unpleasing to live over again the hours of our "first loves", and except the reader of this book shall have "woo'd the pale moon", when successful, or was ready to end his woes "with a bare bodkin" when he met with a

reverse, we can answer that many a thought of hope and fear will come back again with all the concomitants. We give the following specimen, being one most adapted for our pages.

Song to
Life would be a midnight sorrow
If unblest by love and thee
Every hour and every morrow
Dark and darker still to me
But – of other hopes bereft
Ne'er will I in thought repine,
While, to light my gloom, are left
Love and innocence like thine.

Time – its blights shall be forgot
If thy blue eyes shall beam the while
Fortune's frowns – I'll see Maria smile
Till we yield our latest breath
To our wedded Souls be given
Love and truth! – and, after death
May we meet again in Heaven!

The author, it appears, is a native of Ely, and has paid the homage of a dedication to the lady of Thomas Page, Esq., and concludes with

I know besides
That gentle courtesy resides
Where taste abounds; that proud disdain
Is strongest in the weakest brain
What if from you (though all unmet
the offering be) kind welcome great
The labours of an idle pen
My Nothings shall be something then.

1840

January 4 1840
Education High Street, Ely
Misses Hardy, in returning their sincere thanks to their friends, for the kind favours they have received, beg to inform them that the duties of their Establishment will be resumed on Monday, 20th January.

Classical and Commercial School
Fore Hill Ely
Mr. W. Trigg, gratefully acknowledges the continued kindness and very liberal patronage of his friends, assures them of his exertions to merit their confidence, and respectfully announces that the duties of his school will be resumed on Monday, the 20th January.
January 11 1840
Ely Jan. 10th
On Monday last, as the Rev. Mr White was on his way to Ely, when near the Soham toll-gate, he alighted to give his horse a biscuit, and incautiously took the bridle off. The animal immediately

took fright and was proceeding at a desperate rate with Mrs White in the vehicle screaming, when William Rowley, of Wickham, a poor young man who was driving some sheep along the road, perceiving the dangerous situation of the lady; rushed at the horse, hung upon the harness until he got his hand into its mouth, and Suceeded in stopping it, without its doing any damage, and led it to the Lamb Inn, Ely when the Rev. gentleman very handsomely presented the poor man with ten pounds. On the following morning the poor fellow, who on the previous day was without a farthing, mounted the Newmarket coach delighted at being able to return home with a "God-send" to alleviate the affliction of an aged mother in distressed circumstances.

Death at Ely, on the 29th ult., aged 87 years, John Hall Esq.

Desirable Situation Ely
To be Sold by Private Contracted
The Unexpired term of Nine Years from Christmas last, of and in the Lease of a Capital Messuage and old established Drapers shop, situate in the centre of the High St. in Ely, and in which a considerable trade in the business of a linen and woollen Draper, Silk Mercer, Hosier etc. has for many years been carried on.

The fixtures to be taken at a fair valuation and immediate possession may be had.

Particulars at Messrs. Christopher Legge and Son Auctioneers. High St., Ely.

January 18 1840

Turnpike Tolls to be Let
Notice is hereby given, that the Tolls arising at the Toll-gate upon the Turn-pike road leading from Cambridge to Ely, in the Isle of Ely, called or known by the name of Stretham Ferry Turnpike Gate, together with the Toll House belonging to the said gate, will be let by Auction, for three years from the fifth day of April next, to the best bidder, at the house of William Beecroft, called or known by the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Monday 24th February next at the hour of twelve noon, in the manner directed by the Act passed in the third year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Fourth – "For regulating Turnpike Roads," which Tolls produced the last three years, the sum of Four Hundred Pounds per annum, above the expense of collecting them, and will be put up at that sum accordingly. Whoever happens to be the best bidder, must at the same time deposit in the hands of the chairman of the said meeting, the sum of fifty pounds, to be forfeited to the Trustees on non-performance of the condition of letting, by which conditions, among other stipulations, the hirer will be required to pay two months in advance, of the rent at which such tolls may be let; and give security at his own expence, with sufficient sureties, to the satisfaction of the Trustees of the said Turnpike road, within ten days from the day of letting, for payment of the rest of the said rent by monthly instalments.
Dated this 17th day of January 1840
H. R. Evans
Clerk to the Trustees of the said Turnpike road.

January 25 1840

On Sunday last, after a short illness, Mr John Butcher of Middle Fen, many years one of the land-stewards of Jonathan Page, Esq., of Ely.

February 1 1840

Gift of £500 presented to Addenbrookes Hospital, by Jonathan Page, Esq., of Ely towards the deficiencies recently made public. We trust his benevolent example will be extensively followed.

Ely Jan. 30

From a Correspondent
One night last week at an off-lying farm, some vile miscreant poisoned three valuable bullocks, of a lot of twenty, belonging to W. Layton, Esq., of Woodhouse, Ely. No sooner was the diabolical act made public, than with a noble and highly commendable spirit, his neighbours immediately raised the amount of the loss, and (without making known their intention) paid the amount to his account with Messrs Mortlakes', thereby showing to the misguided and maliciously disposed that individuals are not to be made to suffer such cold-hearted revengeful conduct.

Why such an evil spirit should be directed in this quarter, is best known to the wretch who perpetrated the deed. Mr Layton is an acting magistrate, and chairman of the Ely Union, in which capacities his conduct is ever marked with an anxious desire faithfully to discharge his duty – in the former, with firmness and impartiality; and as regards the latter, with every kind of feeling of charity and humanity towards the numerous cases that necessarily present themselves for consideration, and often, very often, his private purse has been made available to the calls of those whom the parochial funds could not be made to meet the exigencies of their situations, As a master, his constant endeavour is to promote the comfort, as well as to study the advancement, of the numerous labourers in his employment, and it ought to be known that, if there is one person less than another that deserves such treatment, it is the individual who has most shamefully been made the object of this vile attack. It is therefore, earnestly hoped that the liberal award of 100 guineas offered by Mr L. may be the means of leading to the apprehension of the perpetrators of such a wicked and malicious act, so that they may ultimately receive the punishment due to such villainy.

February 15 1840
Ely Feb. 13th
The day of Her Majesty's nuptials was celebrated in this city by two balls, which took place severally at the Lamb and Bell Inns; they were both fashionably and numerously attended. The children of the National Schools, amounting to upwards of 300, were likewise regaled with plumb-pudding, roast beef, etc.

In the course of the evening a foolish trick was played in the belfry of St Mary's church. Several individuals who were dining near the church fancied themselves annoyed by the ringing of the bells, and after enjoying a large share of wine agreed to adjourn to the belfry and adopt effectual means for stopping the noise. This was at once effected buy cutting the bell-ropes; the parties were, however, detected, and compelled on the following morning to pay the expences, present £5 to Addenbrookes Hospital, and make an apology to the officers of the parish.

February 22 1840

February 29 1840

March 7 1840
Ely Union Contracts
The Board of Guardians of the above Union, give notice, that they will, at their weekly Meeting at the Union Workhouse, in Ely, on Thursday the 19th inst., receive tenders for supplying the said Workhouse and the out of door Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief Districts, with the following Articles, from the 26th inst., to the 24th day of June next inclusive (viz)
Good thirds Flour, at per stone
Bread made of the same quality of flour (24 hours old) at per 4lb Loaf.
To be delivered at the said Workhouse at such times, and in such quantities as the Board of Guardians shall order, and to be supplied to the Paupers in every Parish, in such quantities as shall be expressed in tickets issued by the Relieving-Officer.
N.B. Each Tender must be for supplying One Relief District at least.
They are also desirous of contracting, from the said 26th inst., to the 23rd of September next, inclusive, for such quantities of the undermentioned articles as may from time to time be required at the said Workhouse, for the use of the said Union – viz:-
Provisions, etc.
Beef (without bone), Mutton and Suet, at per stone
Cheese, Rice, and Potatoes, at per cwt.

Hard yellow soap, Salt, moist sugar, Oatmeal and Soda at per stone
Butter, Tea, and dip Candles, at per lb.
Peas, at per coomb; Ale and Milk, at per gallon; Coals, at per ton
Turf, at per 1000
Port wine, Brandy, and Gin, at per pint
Clothing etc.
Haverhill Drabbet, at per piece of twenty yards
Dark-grey Woollen Cloth, for old mens' suits, and twilled calico for lining the same, at per yard.
Bed ticking, at per yard.
Mens', Womens', boys', girls' ankle shoes, and strong knitted worsted stockings, at per pair;
Worsted at per lb
Cocoa-nut fibre, at per cwt.
Flannel, Hemp, calico, and Chambry, at per yard.

Sealed tenders indorsed "Tenders for Flour," or as the case may be, to be sent to me (free of expense) and samples must be produced at the meeting.

N. B. The Tenders for Bread and Flour must be delivered at my office the night previous to the Meeting, otherwise they will not be received; other Tenders may be delivered on or before 9 a.m. of the 26th inst.

Contractors to give such security for the performance of their contract as the Board may require; but the Guardians do not pledge themselves to accept the lowest, or any of the Tenders.

All persons having any demands upon the above Union, are requested to send in their bills to me, on or before the 28th day of March inst., containing full particulars of the articles furnished, or work done, under the orders of the Board, up to and including the 25th inst. accompanied with the orders themselves.
By Order of the Board
Wm. Marshall, jun., Clerk
Ely March 2nd, 1840

Ely Union
In the Isle of Ely in the County of Cambridge
Election of Guardians.
I, William Marshall, the younger, the Clerk to the Board of Guardians of the poor, of the aforesaid Union, do hereby give Notice:-

1. That the day of Election for Guardians in and for the said Union for the year ending on the 25th day of March, 1841, will be on the 25th day of March inst.
2. That the number of Guardians to be elected for each parish in the said Union, is as follows (that is to say)

	No of Guardians		No of Guardians
Ely Trinity	Six	Stretham	One
Ely St Mary	Three	Wilburton	One
Littleport	Three	Mepal	One
Downham	Two	Witcham	One
Witchford	One	Coveney	One
Haddenham	Two	Wentworth	One
Sutton	Two	Thetford	One

3. That any person not otherwise disqualified by law who shall be rated to the Poor-rate, in any parish in the union, in respect of hereditaments of the annual value or rental of twenty pounds, is qualified to become a candidate for the office of Guardian at the said Election.

4. That any rate-payer who shall have been rated to the poor-rate in any parish of the said Union for the whole year immediately preceding his voting, and shall have paid the parochial rates and assessments made on him for one whole year, as well as those due from him at the time of voting, except those which have been made or become due within six months immediately preceding such voting, will be entitled, on the election of the guardian or guardians for such parish, to the number and proportion of votes following (that is to say)

   If he be rated or assessed at any sum under £200 he will have one vote.

   If he be rated or assessed at £200, but under £400 he will have two votes.

   And if he be rated or assessed at £400 or upwards he will have Three votes.

   That the owner of rateable property situate within any such parish, who shall have given to one of the churchwardens or overseers thereof, previous to the day on which he shall claim to vote, a statement in writing of his name and address, and description o property in the parish as owner whereof he claims to vote, will be entitled to have the number and proportion of votes at the election of the guardians or guardian for such parish, as follows (that is to say)
   If the aggregate amount of the assessment, for the time being of any property belonging to such owner in such parish, or on any person or persons in respect of the same to the poor-rate, shall not amount to £50, he will have one vote.

   If the same shall amount to £50 and not to £75 he will have two votes.

   If the same shall amount to £75 and not to £100 he will have three votes.

   If the same shall amount to £100 and not to £125 he will have four votes

   If the same shall amount to £125 and not to £150 he will have five votes.

   If the same shall amount to £150 or upwards he will have six votes.
   Any owner of such property may, by writing under his hand, appoint any person to vote as his proxy, but such proxy must previous to the day of election give to one of the churchwardens and overseers of such parish, a statement, in writing, of the name and address of his principal, and a description of the property as proxy to the owner whereof he claims to vote, and also an original or attested copy of the writing appointing him such proxy. The forms which may be followed by owners of property in appointing proxies, and by such proxies in making their claims, may be had by such owners on application to me, or to Mr Joseph Wright, of Haddenham, the Relieving Officer.
5. That, for the sake of uniformity and to avoid mistakes, all nominations shall be forwarded to me at my Office in Ely; and the last day on which nominations can be received (otherwise than as hereinafter mentioned) is Saturday the 11th March, inst.

   N. B. If they do not reach my hands on that day, at the latest, they will be rejected.

6. That in case a sufficient number of persons shall not on or before Saturday 14th March inst., have been duly nominated as aforesaid for the office of guardian in any parish within the said Union, I shall, on the 16th day of March inst., at the hour of five in the afternoon, attend at the Board Room, in the New Workhouse, in the said Union; and shall in the presence of such owners of property, and of such rate-payers of any such parish, as may think fit to attend, declare and take down the names of any persons nominated to the office of guardian for any such parish, and of the owners or rate-payers making the nomination. Such nomination may be made according to the form prescribed by the Poor Law Commissioners in their order bearing date the eighteenth day of February 1840, printed copies of which form may be had on application to me, or to the said Joseph Wright; and I shall at such meeting hear and determine objections to the qualifications of any candidate.

7. That I shall, in the event of a contest at the said election of Guardians taking place for any parish in the said Union, cause Voting Papers to be prepared and delivered on Monday the 23rd day of March inst., to be addressed in such parish, to each owner or proxy, or rate payer qualified to vote therein, which voting papers will contain full instructions as to the mode and manner of voting; and that after the lapse of one clear day I shall cause such voting papers to be collected.
8. That on Friday the 27th day of March inst, I shall attend at the Boardroom aforesaid, in the said Union, at the hour of Ten in the forenoon, and that I shall on that, and if necessary following days, proceed to ascertain the accuracy of such votes and to cast up the same, and to ascertain the number of votes given for each candidate, at which examination one proposer of every candidate, and every candidate may, if he think fit, be present.

Given under my hand this second day of March, 1840
Wm. Marshall, jun.
Clerk to the Board of Guardians of the aforesaid Union.

March 7 1840

To Capitalists

The Trustees of the Turnpike-road leading from Cambridge to Ely, commonly called the South District, are desirous of borrowing the Sum of Eight Hundred Pounds, to answer the Deficiencies of their general Annual Expenditure, arising from extraordinary circumstances and improvements of the Road; for which they will pay interest at five per cent on sums not less than Two Hundred Pounds.

From the last annual statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of this Trust, published in pursuance of the Act of Parliament, 3rd and 4th William the fourth, it will appear that the annual revenue from Tolls was £2,290 6s 4d and the annual Expenditure was £2,502 1s 4d; and the Floating Debt is £4,600 consequently that the money now required may be considered as a safe and desirable Investment.

Proposals from persons willing to advance the whole, or any part of the above sum, may be sent to H. R. Evans, Clerk to the Trustees
Ely 9th March, 1840

March 14 1840

Ely – On Tuesday, the 2nd inst., information laid by Mr John Bacon, Inspector of weights and measures, were heard at Chatteris, before the Rev. A. Peyton, the Rev. Dr. Chatfield, and John Fryer, Esq., and nine persons residing at March, Doddington, Wimblington, and Benwick, convicted in sums from £1 to £2 15s for having deficient weights and measures in their possession.

On Thursday last, about forty gentlemen, members of the Ely District of the Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely Conservative Association, dined together for the first time, at the Bell Inn, in this city, William Layton, Esq., in the chair. Some excellent speeches were delivered, and the party did not break up until a late hour. The unanimity prevailing amongst the conservative party in this neighbourhood already spreads dismay amongst the Whig party, whose principles are at a considerable discount, and they perceive their cause already tottering; and they know that come an election when it may, out goes their Liberal representative.

On Monday last, the granary adjoining the mill belonging to Mr Henry Rickwood near this town, was broken into, and the thieves stole about 40 stones of flour, 24 new sacks and some carpenter's tools. They emptied the flour out of marked sacks and put it into new ones, which were not marked. 20 stones of the flour and the sacks were found on the following morning buried in the open field about half-a-mile from the mill. A reward of 20 guineas is offered for the discovery of the thieves.

March 21 1840
March 28 1840
Marriage at Ely – On Tuesday last, 24th inst., at the Cathedral Church Ely, Mr W. Household, grocer and draper, of Lakenheath, to Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Mr. Thomas Prigg, of the Fore Hill, Ely.

United by Act of Parliament
On the 20th inst., at the superintendent registrars' office, in Ely John Harrison of Pymoor, in Downham, farmer to Ann Farby, spinster, of Ely St Mary's.

Cambridgeshire Lent Assizes
The Queen v The Inhabitants of the Isle of Ely.
This was an indictment against the inhabitants of the Isle of Ely, for not repairing a bridge at Angle, in the parish of Whittlesey, leading from Doddington to Standground. – Mr Saunders for the prosecution, attorney Mr Bellairs; Mr Barker for the defendants, attorney, Mr Hugh Jackson,
The Learned Baron said that the only question was, whether this was or was not a public bridge; every bridge in a public highway was a public bridge, and prima facie reparable by the county – Verdict against the defendants.

Mr Jackson entered into his own recognizance of £100 to appear and receive judgement at the next assizes. The learned Judge said, that if Mr Jackson produced a certificate from two magistrates that the bridge is properly repaired, and no objection were raised by the inhabitants, Mr. Jackson would be fined a shilling and discharged.
April 4 1840
Letter to George Wilson Esq
Woodhouse, Ely, March 2 1840
Sir
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, with the form of a petition, which you suggest for the Board of Guardians of the Ely Union, on the subject of the Corn Laws.

Differing, as I believe every member of the Board does, with the persons concerned in framing the petition referred to , I must be permitted the liberty to say that such fallacies and such untruths, as the petition itself contains, it never was my lot to see put forth in a bad cause.

It is a great fallacy to suppose that, by repealing the Corn Laws, greater facility would be given to the Guardians in providing for the claims of the poor – when quite the reverse would be the result. It would have the effect of depriving the former of the means of raising funds either for their independent employment or the demands of the overseer. Repeal the Corn Laws, and the Poor-law must inevitably share the same fate.

It is a fact (notwithstanding the contrary is affirmed in your petition) that wages are effected advantageously to the labourer when farmers are reaping the fruits of their industry in remunerating prices; and consequently there is not that destitution, as the petition asserts, amongst the agricultural labourers, who, generally speaking, were never better off or more contented.

If what were one half its present price (instead of the effect alleged in your petition) it would make a difference in the expenditure of an able-bodied labourer of scarcely more than 30s a year – a little above a quarter of wheat being an average years' consumption; whereas, could he be sure under such circumstances of being employed at all, it must be at a reduction in his wages of 4s if not 5s., per week or £10. 8s to £13. per annum.

It is a palpable and obvious falsehood to say that wages are the same whether the price of a loaf be 10d. or 5d., as asserted in your petition.

The several fallacies in the petition built upon this foundation are necessarily utterly absurd.

It is abominable to say that only 9s. per week are the wages paid to the agricultural labourers – they being in this district for the able-bodied 12s., and those by the Task-work (upon which method numbers are employed) are earning from 14s to 18s. per week, independent of what their wives and families bring in, who have partially been employed through the winter, and who after this time will generally be so; whereas, in times of agricultural depression, they were not receiving so much by 4s. or 5s., while those by the piece 4s. to 8s. per week ; and it was not unusual to find 30 to 80 able-bodied men, in the different parishes in this Union, out of work, submitting to the degradation of having doled out to them the miserable pittance of parochial allowance – while now, and which has been the case throughout the winter, scarcely an able-bodied labourer has been without independent employment.

The Corn-laws were not passed for the sake of the landed interest alone, as your petition alleges, but for the protection of native interest generally; and the maintenance of those laws, therefore, concerns the labourer, whose industry they protect against foreign competition, at least as much as any other person.

In contradiction to what is asserted in your petition, those persons (it may with greatest truth be said) to withhold corn from the people, are those who seek to deprive them of the means of purchasing it; and they who declare that there "shall not be two rates of wages in Europe," re the real plunderers of the British poor.

The great body of the people do not, as your petition states, depend upon foreign Trade; and if all the persons engaged in that trade, and who profess to owe no allegiance to the soil of this country, were to emigrate tomorrow, the nation would survive the shock.

Instead therefore, of petitioning for the repeal of the Corn-laws – whereby, among many other evils, confiscating an immense amount of capital, destroying the home-trade (by far the most important), and pauperizing a great mass of our labouring population, and reducing them to absolute destitution – it becomes all honest well-wishes of their country to implore Parliament to protect, by every means, the industrious and producing classes of all denominations against foreign competition – to make money cheap, and not labour or commodities – to ensure in every instance, fair prices, fair profits and good wages; and so make the debt and taxation of this country (which must be utterly unsupportable if the principle of your petition be carried out) evils of comparative unimportance.

William Layton
Chairman to the Ely Union

April 11 1840

Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions – April 8th 1840

Before the Rev. H. Fardell, Chairman, and a Bench of Magistrates. The chairman in his address to the Grand Jury, alluded to the Constabulary Force bill, and said he was glad an opportunity had been given to the magistrates, of the Isle of considering how far they should avail themselves of the provisions of the bill, and pause lest, in endeavouring to remedy one evil, they should fall into a greater, that of destroying the liberties of the subject, and doubling the amount of the Isle rate, without obtaining a advantage commensurate with so considerable an outlay.

Prisoners

George Hitch and William Peters, were charged with breaking into the dwelling-house of Sarah Cory, of Ely, and committing a robbery there – Guilty – ten years' transportation, with an intimation from the chair that the Court would recommend to the Secretary of State that they be sent to the Penitentiary for a shorter period, one of them being 16 and the other 18 years of age.

Sarah Goddleton, found guilty of stealing some bread from Messrs T and J Simson, Ely. It appearing the prisoner was in great poverty, and strongly recommended to mercy by the prosecutor,

who had lately been robbed of bread several times, and the Jury joining in the recommendation, she was sentenced to one nights' imprisonment.

April 18 1840

Marriage at Ely – On Saturday last, Mr George Reynolds, grocer to Miss Bacon, eldest daughter of Mr. J. Bacon, both of Ely.

Courts of the Rev. the Dean and Chapter of Ely.
The Spring Court will be held for the Manor of Ely Porta, on Wed., 27th May, next at the hour of eleven in the morning.

Desirable Estate
The "Nut-Holt," Ely
To Be Sold by Auction, by C. Legge and son
At the Lamb Inn, in Ely on Thursday 14th May next at seven p.m.
A most Valuable piece of Pasture Land, containing eight acres, well known by the name of "The Nut Holt," situate at the entrance of the City of Ely, on the Lynn Road.

The above estate, (with the exception of a very small portion next the lane, which is copyhold of the manor of Ely Porta) is leasehold, and is held under a lease granted by the Rev. Dean and Chapter of Ely, for 40 years from the 25th March, 1833. Possession will be given at Michaelmas next. Further particulars from Messrs. Evans and Son.

May 2 1840

An Eligible Farm
In the Isle of Ely
To Be Sold by Auction, by Mr John Cross
At the Rose and Crown Inn, Wisbech, 23 May 1840, called "Needham Lodge" situate in the parish of Elm, consisting of Brick and Tile Farm House and Cottage, with necessary Agricultural buildings, and Two hundred and forty-six acres of rich Grazing and Arable land. Land tax redeemed, Drainage Taxes £21 per annum.
The above estate is freehold.
Particulars upon application to Mr. West, Solicitor, Norwich.

Valuable Estate, Doddington, Isle of Ely
To Be Sold by Auction (By R. Newton)
Between the hours of 6 and 7 in the evening on 15th day of May 1840 at the George Inn, in Chatteris in one Lot, by order of the surviving Trustee, under the will of the late Mr. Matthew Drake, deceased. A very desirable Freehold Estate.

Being one of those complete little properties, so situated as to ensure a good and respectable tenant, if the purposes of the owner are better answered than occupation.

A comfortable residence, small Farm and good homestead and 21 acres of excellent Freehold Adventurers' Land situate in Beezlings in Doddington, late in occupation of the said Mr. Matthew Drake. Full particulars of the Auctioneer, Chatteris.

May 9 1840

Ely May 7th
On Thursday last, an inquest was held in this City, before H. R. Evans, jun., gent, coroner, on view of the body of Sarah Vernye, aged twelve years, who, on the proceding day was riding with her aunt, in a cart near Minster reach, when the horse suddenly turning the corner, and the wheel of the cart going too far up the bank, turned the vehicle over, and it fell upon the childs' back, who called

out “Oh! Aunt, we must die.” The woman was very much hurt, and with difficulty got from under the cart, which being removed the child was found dead. – Verdict, accidental death.

Committed on Saturday last, to take his trial at the ensuing Sessions, William Fletcher, charged with stealing a horse belonging to his brother at Littleport.

A Bungling Affair

On Saturday last, two persons both well-nigh 60 years of age, having first obtained a license, set off from Ely to Cambridge, in bridal array for the purpose of having the connubial knot tied. Expecting all was right they presented themselves at the altar, when the clergyman of course refused to marry them, they not having resided in the parish a sufficient time. Returning home disappointed and believing delays in such matters to be dangerous, they of course determined to avail themselves of the first opportunity, and accordingly on the following morning the first thing was to make the best of their way to St Mary’s Church, where the ceremony was solemnized by the Rev. S. Smith, and the parties all retired to the vestry, expecting they had properly secured the lady a husband; but lo! On signing her name, a discrepancy was discovered between the same “Susan” in the license, and her signature “Susannah”. The license being to wed Susan, the clergyman gave the parties to understand it was no go; the Clerk was therefore dispatched to get the surrogate to alter the license; but no, “My love” was obliged to leave “My dear”, and set matters (which could not be done by proxy), right himself, and on his return to church renewed his promises and vows and so did twice in one day, what some persons repent of doing once in the course of their lives.

We observe by the proceedings of the University College, London, that Mr. John Marshall, the second son of Mr Marshall, solicitor, of this city, has been elected curator to the hospital of that college, and has also obtained a gold medal from the Council, for an Essay on Anatomy and Physiology.

Married – On the 3rd inst., at Ely, Serjeant Poole, to Miss Susan Pigott.

May 16 1840

Ely May 13th

The following very excellent and appropriate addresses have recently been presented upon the subject of the Queen’s Marriage to the distinguished individuals named therein.

To the Queens’ Most Excellent Majesty

Most gracious Sovereign, - We, your Majesty’s most faithful subject the Bishop of Ely, and the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, in Ely, beg leave to present to your Majesty, with every sentiment of loyalty and devotion, the expression of our heartfelt congratulations upon your Majesty’s auspicious marriage with His Royal Highness the Prince Albert of Saxe Coburg and Gotha.

We hail with unmixed satisfaction an event, which unites your Majesty more closely even than heretofore, with a family illustrious in its past annals for its services to the Protestant cause; and we earnestly pray, that the future history of our country may long continue to associate in the feelings and recollections of a grateful posterity, the Houses of Brunswick and Coburg in indissoluble connection with each other, as the zealous promoters of religion and virtue, the enlightened patrons of the arts of peace and industry, and the uncompromising defenders of our civil and ecclesiastical institutions.

May the Almighty Giver of all good gifts vouchsafe to grant to your Majesty a long and prosperous reign; and may the example of conjugal attachment, and of the strict performance of religious and domestic duties exhibited in your Majesty’s person, foster and encourage in all classes of your

Majesty's subjects the practice of those virtues, which form the true basis of the happiness and greatness of nations.

Given under our respective seals this twenty-sixth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty.

To His Royal Highness Field Marshall the Prince Albert of Saxe Coburg and Gotha, K. G. Consort of Her Majesty the Queen.

May it please your Royal Highness – we, the Bishop of Ely, and the Dean and Chapter of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, in Ely, beg leave to offer to your Royal Highness our most sincere congratulations upon your Royal Highness as a happy marriage with our most Gracious Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria.

We confidently trust, that your Royal Highness, the adopted son of our country, will experience from all classes of her Majestys' subjects that respectful and cordial welcome which is equally due to your Royal Highnesses, illustrious descent and personal merits, and to the exalted station which your Royal Highness now occupies in this Kingdom; and we earnestly pray, that your Royal Highness, happy in the enjoyment of every earthly good, may long continue to witness the manifestation of that loyalty and attachment characteristic of the English nation, which are due to the illustrious Princess whose happiness and welfare are so inseparably united with your own.

Given under our respective seals this twenty sixth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty.

To Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent.
May it please your Royal Highness, - We the Bishop of Ely and the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, in Ely, beg leave to offer to your Royal Highness our cordial congratulations upon the marriage of our most gracious Sovereign Queen Victoria with His Royal Highness the Prince Albert of Saxe Coburg and Gotha. We earnestly pray that the fondest wishes of an affectionate Mother may be fully realised in this auspicious union, and that the bonds of attachment and love, which must ever unite parents with their children, may be confirmed and strengthened by the experience of the benefits which have been derived from your Royal Highness's maternal care in calculating those high principals of religious responsibilities, and of public and private duty, which are essential equally to the welfare and happiness of the Sovereign and to the good government of the nation.

Given under our respective seals this twenty-sixth day of March one thousand eight hundred and forty.

May 23 1840

May 30 1840

June 6 1840

We are happy to hear that the Lord Bishop of Ely has sent a donation of £10, to the Building Fund of the Cambridge Female Refuge, accompanying it with an expression of his cordial approbation of the object.

The Archdeacon of Ely has appointed the Rev. George Spence, L L B., Vicar of St Clements' in Cambridge, a surrogate to administer the requisite oaths on the granting of marriage licenses, faculties, and probates of wills and administrations, within the Archdeaconry of Ely.

June 13 1840

Ely Cambs

The Entire Modern and Really Superior
Household Furniture, Rich Cut Glass
Handsome Dinner, Breakfast and Tea services
and Numerous Effects.
To Be Sold by Auction. By Mr. C. M. Bidwell.
On the Premises of Mr Brooke Muriel, who is leaving Ely, on Tuesday, June 30th 1840 at 10 o'clock.

The Auctioneer begs strongly to recommend the above mentioned Furniture, as being of a very superior description, it having being purchased within a few years of first-rate London Houses, regardless of expense.

Ely Union,
Bread and Flour Contract
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To be delivered at the said workhouse at such times and in such quantities as the Board of Guardians shall order, and to be supplied to the paupers in every parish, in such quantities as shall be expressed in tickets issued by the Relieving Officer.
N. B. Each tender must be for supplying one relief district at least.
Sealed Tenders indorsed "Tender for Bread and Flour" to be left at my office, the day previous to the meeting, otherwise they will not be received, and samples must be produced at the Board.

Contractors to give such security for the due performance of their contract as the Board may require, but the Guardians do not pledge themselves to accept the lower, or any of the tenders.

N. B. All persons having any demands upon the said Union, are requested to send in their bills to me on or before the 30th inst., containing full particulars of all articles furnished, or work done under the Order of the Board, up to and including the 24th inst., accompanied with the orders themselves.
By Order of the Board
William Marshall, jun., Clerk.
June 26 1840
Piano and Music Repository
High Street, Ely
J. Warren, Organ and Piano-Forte Tuner, begs most respectfully to announce to his Friends and the Public Generally that he has taken the premises lately occupied by Mr Davies, Draper, which he has opened with a choice Selection of Vocal and Instrumental Music, together with an Elegant assortment of Cabinet, Cottage, Piccolo and Square Piano Fortes, Violins, Guitars, Flutes, Clarionets, Accordions, etc. which he offers on the most advantageous terms.

Violin and Guitar strings – Piano Fortes carefully Buff'd Regulated, and restrung, and Old instruments taken in exchange – All kinds of Music and Musical Instruments procured to order.

In addition to the Musical department, he solicits their attention to a large and elegant Selection of Fancy work-boxes, Writing-desks, Dressing cases, Tea caddies, etc a variety of which will be kept and sold on the most reasonable terms.

A Young Lady, fully competent to teach music, and who will make herself generally useful in the above establishment may meet with a comfortable situation on application to J.W.

June 27 1840
Isle of Ely
Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at the Sessions House in Wisbech, on Wed., 1st July, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which hour the chair will be taken; and all Jurors, Constables and Parties bound by recognizance, and others having occasion to attend, are required to give their attendance accordingly.

The Justice's Clerks are requested to send their several Depositions and Recognizances to the office of the Clerk of the Peace, at Wisbech, on or before the Saturday preceding.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech June 17 1840
July 4 1840
Ely July 2nd
Fatal Accident
On Monday last, an inquest was held at the Angel, in this city, before H. R. Evans, gent, Coroner, on view of the body of Sophia Benton, aged 13 years, who was found drowned in the river near Ely. It appeared that the deceased with five other children, were taking an excursion on the Sunday evening in a small fishing-boat, which accidently upset, and the whole party were precipitated into the water, and all of them must undoubtedly have met with a watery grave, had it not been for the prompt and humane exertions of Mr. William Canham, who happened to be passing near the spot, and on witnessing the accident immediately rushed into the water and rescued four of the party, (one having swam to shore). It was feared at first that two of them were in a lifeless state, but by the employment of the usual means of resuscitation they were restored, but we are informed that one of them is still lying in a precarious state. The Jury returned a verdict of accidental death, and it is but justice to Mr Canham to state that they accompanied their verdict with an expression of their admiration of the kind and heroic feeling which prompted him to put his own life in jeopardy to save those of his fellow creatures, and had two other individuals who also witnessed the occurrence been impelled by the like manly and creditable feeling instead of laughing and expressing their fear of "spoiling their Sunday clothes", it is probable that the life of the deceased might likewise have been saved.

On Wednesday last, a fire broke out on the premises of Howard, at Witchford, near Ely, which entirely consumed the house. Fortunately the flames were speedily got under or the damage must have been very extensive, the farmyard of C. Pemberton, Esq., adjoining.
July 11 1840
July 18 1840
Sudden Death
Seth Bull, Esq., of Ely, who attended the agricultural meeting on Wed. last, left this town about five o'clock the same afternoon on horseback on his return home. He had not, however, gone more than a mile out of town before he was attacked by a fit of apoplexy, fell from his horse, and died upon the spot.
July 25 1840
Marriage – On Tuesday 21st inst., at Ely (by the Rev. Tansley Hall) Henry, second son of George Hall, Esq., of Ely to Maria, eldest daughter of Thomas Archer, Esq., of the same place.
August 1 1840
To Boat-builders, Farmers & others
To Be Sold by Auction (by John Cross)
At the Ship Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 13 August 1840
between the hours of Seven and Eight in the evening,
and subject to such conditions as will be then and there produced and read:-
The following Valuable, Freehold, Copyhold and Leasehold Property
Consisting of

Lot 1. 4 acres (more or less) of fen land in second Drove, in Padnal, in Ely, abutting south on the said drove, and lying between land of Bringhurst's heirs on the west, and land of John Lees' heirs, on the east, now in occupation of Wm. Willson.
Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Porta – Quit rent 6d.

Lot 2. An Orchard and Pony-yard, in Babylon, in Ely, containing 1A 2R (more or less) lying between property of Mr. Crudgington on both sides, and abutting upon the River Ouse north-west, and the Back-river south-east; now in possession of Mr. M. W. Cutlack.
This lot is Freehold
Lot 3. A substantial brick and tiled Messuage or Dwelling-house, with Large Separate Workshop, Boatwrights' Yard and convenient Buildings, and all in excellent repair, in Babylon, in Ely, adjoining the River Ouse, and facing the Quay at the Water-side, now in occupation of Mr Henry Parsons (boatwright), and most centrally and advantageously situated for a Boat-builders business. This property, in addition to the above recommendation, has a large garden and Holt behind it, and occupies altogether an area of about an Acre and a half in extent.
In the same lot will also be offered for sale -
All those 9A 1R 10P (more or less) of Fen land in First Drove, in Padnal aforesaid, near the Bridge over Sandy's Cut; abutting south upon the said Drove, and lying between land of William Lavenders' heirs on the west, and land of Samuel Woodbine's heirs on the east; now in occupation of Thomas Cross – And also 3A 3R 18P (more or less) of fen-land in Middle Fen, in the Shell, abutting, north east upon Blackwing Drove and lying between land belonging to Walkers heirs on the north-west and south-east; now in occupation of Robert Cross.

N. B. The above lot is held under a Forty Years' lease of the Dean and Chapter of Ely, (Thirty years of which will remain unexpired on the 25th November next) at a reserved Rent of 13s 4d. and a pound of wax, or 10d in money.

Lot 4. Four Acres (more or less) of Fen Land, in Padnal aforesaid; abutting upon the Branch-cut north, and lying next land of James Lee on the east, now in occupation of William Willson.
Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Porta – Quit rent 1s.

Lots 1, 2, 3 were late the estate of W. Isaacson, deceased, and are offered for sale in pursuance of the Trusts declared in his last will – Lot 4 is the property of Mr Laws.

The Lots in Padnal are liable to the Padnal, South Level and Eau Brink Taxes – the Lot in the Shell is liable to the Eau Brink and Middle Fen Taxes.
Further particulars from Marshall and Sons, Solicitors, Ely.
August 8 1840
Death at Ely – On Thursday last, while on a visit to her brother, Catherine, daughter of the late Mr. William Cole, formerly of Ubbeston Hall Suffolk. The deceased had on that day attained her 46th year.
August 15 1840
Marriage at Ely, on the 13th inst., at St Mary's, Mr. Juner Perry Lawrence, solicitor of this town, Cambridge, to Elizabeth Pigott, eldest daughter of John Harlock Esq., of Ely.
August 22 1840
August 29 1840
September 5 1840
September 12 1840
Ely Union Contracts
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Bread made of the same quality of flour (24 hours old) at per 4lb loaf.

To be delivered at the said Workhouse at such times, and in such quantities as shall be expressed in Tickets issued by the Relieving-Officer.
N.B. Each Tender must be for supplying one Relief District at least.
They are also desirous of Contracting, from the said 24th inst., to the 24th March next, inclusive, for such Quantities of the undermentioned Articles as may from time to time be required at the said Workhouse, for the use of the said Union – viz:-
Provisions, etc.
Beef without bone, Mutton and Suet, at per stone
Cheese and Rice, at per cwt.
Hard yellow soap, Salt, moist sugar, Oatmeal and Soda at per stone
Butter, Tea, and dip Candles, at per lb.
Peas, at per coomb; Ale and Milk, at per gallon; Coals, at per ton
Turf, at per 1000
Port wine and Best British Brandy at per pint
Clothing etc.
Haverhill Drabbet, at per piece of twenty yards
Strong grey Army cloth, for old mens' suits and Twilled Calico for lining the same, at per yard.
Mens' and Boys' strong Dowlas Shirts, at per dozen.
Men', Womens', Boys', Girls' strong knitted worsted stockings, at per pair; Worsted at per lb
Cocoa-nut fibre, at per cwt.
Flannel and Shroud Flannel, Hemp, Calico, and Chambry, at per yard.

Sealed Tenders indorsed "Tender for Flour," or as the case may be, to be sent to me (free of expense) and Samples must be produced at the Meeting.

Tenders for Bread and Flour must be delivered at my office the night previous to the Meeting, otherwise they will not be received. Other Tenders may be delivered on or before 9 a.m. of the 17th inst. The Guardian's desire the Contractors distinctly to understand that the Relieving Officers have the means furnished them weekly to pay for all the Articles they order; and they hereby give Notice that they will not be responsible for any account against a Relieving Officer of more than seven days standing.

Contractors to give such security for the performance of their Contract as the Board may require but the Guardians do not pledge themselves to accept the lowest or any of the Tenders.
N. B. All persons having any demands upon the above Union are requested to send in their bills to me, on or before the 1st day of October next, containing full particulars of the Articles furnished, or Work done, under the orders of the Board, up to and including the 23rd inst., accompanied with the Orders themselves.
By Order of the Board
William Marshall, jun., Clerk.

September 19 1840

September 26 1840

Ely Sept 25th

At a petty sessions holden at Ely yesterday before the Rev. George Millers and William Layton, Esq., the following persons were, on the information of Mr. John Bacon, inspector of weights and measures, convicted of having light and deficient weights and measures in their possession, and fined as follows:-

	£	S	D
Joseph Rushbrook of Ely St Mary's	1	10	6
Richard Morris, of Haddenham	2	13	6
Robert Rayner of Littleport	1	16	6
John Finch, Ely	1	10	6
Robert Fletcher, Ely	1	10	6

Charles Lawrence, Clayway,	1	0	6
William Allensby, Prickwillow		15	6

The Rev. J. B. Palmer, curate of Ely Trinity parish, has gratuitously offered to give a lecture on the Sunday evenings and for that purpose the church, a beautiful monument of antiquity, has been fitted up at the expense of about £20, subscribed by the congregation attending that church, and we understand the first service will commence of the 14th October next.

October 3 1840

Cawdle Fen, One mile from Ely
To Be Sold by Auction (by C Legge and Son)
On the Premises in Cawdle Fen, Tuesday 13th October, by
direction of Mr John Hobson, (who is leaving the farm)
86 sheep, 8 Cows Kind, two pigs
Farming implements, Dairy Utensils etc.

Wilburton, In the Isle of Ely
Valuable Property
To Be Sold by Auction (by C Legge and Son)
At the sign of the Chequers, in Wilburton, on Wed., 14th October
43 Acres of most excellent Arable and Meadow Land
lying dispersedly in the several fields of Wilburton.

Also 50 Acres of valuable Fen Land, viz. –
30 acres in Leizue Fen (title free)
Nine Acres in Low Fen, and Nine acres in Skeg Fen.

The property of Mr Edward Camps and Copyhold of the Manor of Wilburton.

October 10 1840

Archdeaconry of Ely
Michaelmas Visitation.
Notice is hereby given, that the Venerable the Archdeacon of Ely, will hold a Visitation of the Churchwardens of the several parishes within the deaneries of Bourn, Shingay and Cambridge, and of the parishes of Haddenham and Wilburton, within the deanery of Ely, at the parish church of All Saints, in Cambridge, on Saturday 17th October next. Between the hours of eleven of the clock in the forenoon and One of the clock in the afternoon, when and where the said Churchwardens are personally to attend and exhibit their presentments upon oath, as the law requires.
Francis J. Guinning
Deputy Registrar

The Bishop of Ely will hold an Ordination at Ely, on Advent Sunday the 29th November, next. Candidates for Holy Orders are desired to transmit the requisite papers, prepaid, to his Lordship's Secretary, John Burder, Esq., 27, Parliament street, Westminster, on or before 31st October next. Candidates for deacons Orders, except on College titles, are to give immediate notice to the Bishop, at the Palace, Ely, of their intention to offer themselves, unless they have already had communication with his Lordship.
Palace, Ely, Sept 29, 1840

October 17 1840

October 24 1840

Ely – Oct 19
Important to Navigators

On Thursday week, a case was heard before the magistrates of Ely, in which the question propounded was, whether a master was justified in detaining wages for the lades of his servant. Mr John Parsons, a master waterman, of Ely, sent his servant to open his sluice near Mildenhall. A gang was going through at this time, and for a trifle, the servant Robert Lee, acted against both his masters' wishes and the laws of navigation.

The master was mulcted £1 10s and costs. The servant summoned his master for wages. At the hearing, Mr Wm. Claxton, solicitor for Mr Parson, contended under the navigation Act, that although the master was compelled to pay the penalty, he had a right to deduct the amount from the wages. The magistrates coincided with this view of the case, and dismissed the information with costs.

Isle of Ely Sessions
These sessions were holden on Wednesday last before the Rev. Henry Fardell and a bench of magistrates. The Chairman in his address to the Grand Jury, remarked that the number of persons charged with offences was small and none required any remarks from him. He was at the same time, he said anxious, (for the purpose of making it as public as possible) to direct their attention to the Vaccination Act, which made it punishable with one months' imprisonment for any person to spread by any means the Small Pox. He wished also to allude to the Act for the punishment of juvenile offenders, which empowers the Lord Chancellor to place young offenders under the care of any respectable individual for the purpose of having him properly taught.

The certificates of the justices, with the necessary plans, etc, were enrolled for diverting the road from Ely to Prickwillow under the Middle Fen Bank, across Padnal and the Common.

None of the criminal cases were of any interest, and the few offenders convicted were only sentenced to short terms of imprisonment with the exception of one named Hunt. He was found guilty of entering the house of Mr. Wm. Cornwall, of Littleport, and stealing a quantity of wearing apparel – he was sentenced to seven years' transportation.

October 31 1840

Death at Ely – on Monday last, the 26th inst., in the 79th years of his age, Jonathan Page, Esq.

November 7 1840

November 14 1840

November 21 1840

To Gas Companies, Capitalist and others
Eligible Investment in Freehold Property
City of Ely
Mr John Cross has been instructed to sell by Auction (unless previously disposed of by Private Contract, of which immediate Notice will be given) on Wed. 16th December next, at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, at seven o'clock in the evening, and subject to such conditions of sale as will then be produced, the following:-

Very valuable Property - viz
The Gas Works
And entire Apparatus (constructed on the most approved patent principles) situate in the City of Ely, including
Lamp Posts, Lamps, Pipes, etc., and a convenient detached residence for the Superintendent on the premises.
The above Property is Freehold, and affords an unusual opportunity for the advantageous investment of capital.
The works etc., were built only in 1835, and are consequently in excellent repair. The premises lie within 200 yards of the River Ouze, presenting great facilities for taking in coals and lime. The

concern is now let on lease for an unexpired Term of 5 years, at a net rental of £250, and commands a prosperous and still increasing business.

For further particulars apply to Messrs Marshall and Son, solicitors, Ely, or to the proprietor Mr. George Malam, Gas Works Spalding, Lincolnshire.

Messrs Bacon and Son, the present Lessees, will shew the premises.

Rectory Farm, Ely
11 cart Horse, Bay Carriage Mare, Black Riding Mare
2 Cows, 4 sows, and 20 Store Hogs
Neat Gig on Steel Springs, and set of Gig Harness,
Four-horse power and Hand Thrashing Machines, Potatoes, Hay, Straw
Farming Implements.
To Be Sold By Auction, By C. Legge & Son
On the Premises, in St Marys' parish, Ely, on Wed. next 25 Nov.
(by order of the Executors) All the remaining part of the
Valuable Live and Dead Stock, etc.,
of the late Jonathan Page Esq.

Catalogues are preparing, and may be had at the principal Inns in the neighbourhood, and of the Auctioneers.
The whole will be sold without reserve for ready money.
Sale will begin punctually at Eleven o'clock.
November 28 1840
Valuable Household Furniture
Glass, China, Books, Linen etc.
Patent Invalid Chair, handsome Chariot, etc.
Ely
To Be Sold by Auction, By C. Legge and Son
On Monday, Nov. 30th, and Tuesday and Wednesday 1st and 2nd Dec. punctually at Eleven o'clock each day, on the premises in St. Marys' Parish, Ely.

The whole of the Valuable and useful Household Furniture etc. of the late Jonathan Page, Esq.,
Full list page one.

Extensive and Valuable Estates, Ely
Mr. C. M. Bidwell begs to announce that he has received instructions from the Executors to Submit for sale by auction all the desirable Freehold, Copyhold and Leasehold Estates of the Late Jonathan Page, Esq., situated in Ely, which comprise
61A 2R of Land, in the Open Fields.
56A 3R 20P detached accommodation, Closes, several of which are contiguous to the Town
81A in Padnal and Burnt Fen, with comfortable Farm-house and Homestead, in the occupation of Mrs. Butcher.

Desirably situated in the City of Ely, are Five Dwelling Houses
24 Tenements, spacious Malting and Wharf,
adjoining the River Ouze, and several extensive Granaries.
Also, will be let by Auction, until 29th Sept., 1841, the Glebe Lands of the parish.
December 5 1840
Ely – Dec. 3rd
Capture of Two Highwaymen

On Wednesday the 25th ult., as Mr Chris Porter, of Southery was proceeding from this city to Southery, he was stopped near the first mile-stone at about half-past six in the evening by two men, one of whom pulled him off his horse and forced him to the ground, whilst the other put his hand over his mouth; two other fellows ran to their assistance, and began ransacking his pockets, cut his trousers and waistcoat through to get to his fob-watch, and threatened to cut his hand off if he did not lie still. Fortunately at this time the daughters of Mr. Kirby, of Chettisham were heard coming on the road, and one of the thieves said, "make haste here is somebody coming"; they then ran away, taking his purse with 8s or 9s and a Napoleon in it, a knife and a comb. Mr Porter had a cheque for £40 in his breast pocket, which escaped their notice.

Attempts were made to stop two other persons the same evening, between Ely and Littleport, by two men probably the same as are now in custody. It is supposed the thieves expected to fall in with someone with plenty of cash, returning from the stock sale of the late Jonathan Page, which took place on that day. The circumstance of the robbery coming to the knowledge of Mr. Wm. Layton Esq., he directly instituted a strict enquiry, and having obtained information that John Blayton and Lane Hard, two notorious characters, were on the road at the time of the robbery. Mr John Bacon, jun., the magistrates constable, was directed to apprehend them, which he succeeded in doing on Sunday evening, notwithstanding they were on the wing. Mr. Layton promptly attended on Monday morning, and after some examination remanded the prisoners until Thursday.

In the interim Mr Bacon was able to get the Napoleon and trace it to Blayton's possession. They were accordingly committed to take their trial at the ensuing sessions for the Isle of Ely. The inhabitants are much indebted to Mr. Layton and Mr. Bacon jun., for thus ridding them of two characters who have long been a terror to the town and neighbourhood.

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Bread and Flour Contracts
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Bread made of the same quality of Flour (24 hours old) at per 4lb loaf.
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By Order of the Board

Wm Marshall, jun., Clerk
Ely, December 1, 1840

December 12 1840
Death at Sutton in the Isle of Ely, on Wed., last, Joseph Vipan, Esq., in the 77 year of his age.
December 19 1840
Desirable Landed Investments
To Be Sold by Auction, By C. M. Bidwell.
By Order of the Trustees and Executors of the late Jonathan Page Esq., at the Lamb Inn, Ely on Thursday 14 January next at Five o'clock immediately after the letting of the Glebe Lands.
65 acres of valuable land lying in the open fields of Ely; together with the Crops of Wheat growing on the lands in Dead Hill and Braham Fields and comprising 16A 2P
Twenty-one acres of the above estate are Freehold and the remainder Copyhold of the Manors of Ely Barton and Ely Porta.

The whole will be divided into convenient lots and described in terriers, which will further particulars may be had of Mr. Dench, Solicitor.
December 26 1840

January 2 1841

Fire at Ely

On Sunday morning last, an extensive fire took place on the premises of Mr James Cropley, situate in the parish of St. Mary, Ely. The flames were first observed about one o'clock, and before the expiration of an hour the greater part of the inhabitants were aroused to render their assistance in extinguishing the devouring element, and we are happly to add that by their prompt exertions the progress of the flames was speedily arrested. The premises of Mr Cropley are contiguous to many other farm-yards, and there can be no doubt that had the wind been high the destruction of property must have been immense. Ten stacks of corn were entirely consumed, but the buildings and stock escaped unhurt. The House and stacks belonging to Mr Henry Lawrence, which were within a few yards of the fire were fortunately preserved. Too much praise cannot be given to the inhabitants generally for their ready assistance, for although the inclemency of the weather was such as almost to freeze the water in its conveyance, still the efforts of the people were not relaxed until the fire was extinguished. The property destroyed is estimated at about £1,200, but we understand Mr Cropley is insured to the full amount. It is not at present ascertained how it originated, but there is not the slightest doubt it was the work of an incendiary, and we hope the perpetrator will not escape that punishment he deserves.

Classical and Commercial School
Fore Hill, Ely

Mr. W. Trigg acknowledges with gratitude the very liberal patronage and support of his Friends, assures them of his best exertion to merit their confidence and respectfully announces that the duties of his School will be resumed on Monday, the 18th January 1841

A Vacancy for a Half-boarder.

A Most Eligible Investment in Land at
Stuntney near Ely

To Be Sold by Auction, by Matthew Scott
At the White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 7th January next
Between the hours of Six and Eight o'clock in the evening (Subject to such conditions of sale as will be then and there produced), in the following lots:-

Lot 1. All those twenty eight acres of Arable Land situate in the Hamlet of Stuntney, called the "Holt"
Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Porta

Lot 2. All those twelve acres of Capital Arable Land situated in a certain place called "Bury Fen", in Stuntney aforesaid
Copyhold of the Manor of Stuntney

Lot 3. All those 12 acres of exceedingly productive Arable Land, situate in Middle Fen, in the parish of Ely Trinity, adjoining the Turnpike-road leading from Ely to Soham.

Six acres of this lot are Freehold and the remaining six acres Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Porta.

The whole of the above is in the occupation of Mr. Matthew Avers, being held under a lease, which will expire on 25th March 184?
Part of the purchase money may be held on security required.
Apply for further particulars to Mr John Seaber, Soham, Mr Thomas Hustwick Solicitor, Soham, or the auctioneers.

Fire at Ely

Mr Cropley takes this opportunity of conveying to all his friends and neighbours, his most sincere thanks for the kind and ready assistance rendered by them at the late awful fire upon his premises.

His acknowledgements are also particularly due to the labourers, both male and female whose active and untiring efforts to extinguish the flames, will ever be held by him in grateful remembrance.
Ely, December 22nd 1840

January 9 1841

Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions
Wisbech Jan 6, 1841
Before the Rev. W. G. Townley, Chairman, and an unusually full Bench of Magistrates.
The Chairman briefly addressed the Jury, and said he was happy in congratulating them on the smallness of the calendar, as it contained only one crime of magnitude, which was highway robbery, and that was not attended with any aggravated circumstances. He was sorry, from the recent fire in Ely, he could not equally congratulate them on the state of the Isle, as it was no doubt the work of an incendiary. From the observations he had been able to make of the working of the rural police force in the county of Norfolk, he had no doubt but that it was desirable to establish it in the Isle.

Appeal case
March, Applellants; Elm, Respondents
This was an appeal against the suspension of an order for the removal of a pauper.

The case occupied the Court a very considerable time, when it was decided that it failed from informality. The counsel for the respondents gave notice that at the next sessions he should move for a new suspension, and take the opinion of the Court to Queen's Bench.

Charles Wilson of Ely, was indicted for stealing three sovereigns and a purse from John Gotobed on 12th Dec. last.
The prosecutor lodged with the prisoners' mother, the prisoner also lived there. Verdict guilty – six months' hard labour.

Sarah Peters of Ely, convicted of stealing a loaf of bread.

Sentenced to one weeks' imprisonment.

Henry Canham of Witcham, charged with breaking into the house of Thomas Brandford, and stealing a quantity of wearing apparel on the 2nd December.

Verdict Guilty; twelve months' imprisonment with hard labour.

John Blaydon and Lane Heard, of Ely, charged with robbing Christopher Porter, of Southery, on the highway.

Verdict guilty; Blaydon to be transported for life, and Heard for 15 years.

Thursday

Ann Lines was indicted for stealing fourteen shawls and two carpet bags on 28th Nov. last, from Sarah Harman, draper Wisbech, and Charles Lines for receiving the same knowing them to have been stolen. Verdict guilty, Ann Lines, seven years transportation; Charles Lines fourteen years' ditto.

Catherine Richmond of Wisbech, indicted for stealing a watch from Joseph Hides of Outwell, guilty three months' imprisonment.

John Smith, charged with breaking into and stealing from the house of John Gray, of March, one silver spoon, tongs etc., and boots. Guilty; transportation for ten years.

Ann Bray, pleaded guilty to stealing a cloak from her lodgings, said she meant to return it. One months' imprisonment.

Joseph Meeks, Wisbech, pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing pork from Frederick Fardell, butcher of Wisbech. Two months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Sarah Farrer, of Wisbech, pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing a towel.
Three months imprisonment.

January 16 1841

Turnpike Tolls To be Let

Notice is hereby given, that the Tolls arising at the several Toll-gates upon the Turn-pike road leading from Cambridge to Ely, and from thence to Soham and Witcham called Ely and Stretham Town; Sutton and Witcham; and Soham gates together with the Toll Houses near the said gates respectively, will be let by Auction from Three years from the 16th March next, to the best bidders, at the house of Wm. Beecroft, called or known as the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Tuesday 26th Jan. next at the hour of Twelve noon, in the manner directed by the Act passed in the third year of the reign of his late Majesty, King George IV, "For regulating Turnpike roads"; which Tolls produced the last three years, as under (that is to say) Ely and Stretham Town Gates, and Sutton and Witcham Gates, the annual sum of £766; and Soham Gate, the annual sum of £270, above the expense of collecting them, and will be put up at these sums respectively.

Whoever happens to be the best bidder, for the said Gates respectively must at the same time deposit in the hands of the Chairman of the said Meeting, the sum of fifty pounds to be forfeited to the Trustees on non-performance of the conditions of letting by which conditions among other stipulations, the hirer will be required to pay Two months in advance of the rent at which such Tolls may be let; and give security at his own expense, with sufficient sureties, to the satisfaction of the Trustees of the said Turnpike- road, within ten days from the day of letting, for payment of the rest of the said rent by prospective monthly instalments.

Dated this 23rd day of December, 1840

H. R. Evans

Clerk to the Trustees of the said Turnpike-road.

January 23 1841

Several Eligible Dwelling Houses and Tenements
Capital Granaries
And Accommodation Land
Ely
Will be Sold by Auction by Mr. Chas. M. Bidwell
By Order of the Trustees and Executors of the late
Jonathan Page Esq., at the Lamb Inn, in Ely on Thursday
Feb. 11 1841 at six o'clock in the evening in the following lots:-

Lot 1. All those two neat and convenient Tenements situated on Bugs' Hill, with Garden Ground, in the occupation of John Evans and William Saberton.
Copyhold, Ely Barton

Lot 2. 12 Freehold Tenements called "Bentons Square", situated in Potter's Street, newly built; in occupation of Wm. Jacques and Others.

Lot 3. Freehold Messuage and four tenements adjoining situated in the street called Back Hill, well built, brick slate and Tile with stables, Lodges, and a new Workshop, yard and Garden ground containing together 1R 17P adjoining the Gasometer, frontage next the Street of 116ft, enclosed by a Ten ft wall, in occupation of James Lupson and others.

Lot 4. A Valuable and compact Property, called Taylors' Granary (in Three Floors), 65 ft long and 20 ft wide.

A House (in Two Tenements), 2 stalled Stables and Yard, with right of way from Broad St. through the premises of Mr Wm. Wright.

The Granary is in hand, and the tenements in occupation of Thomas Pool and James Croft.

This Lot having an extensive and convenient frontage adjoining the river, very desirable for mercantile purposes. Copyhold, Ely Porta.

Lot 5. A capital newly built dwelling-house situated in St Mary's St. having frontage of 56½ft with spacious Timber yards, workshops and an excellent double floor Granary 76ft long by 18ft. The Granary is in hand, and the remainder of the premises in occupation of Mr. Wm. Barnard. Copyhold – Ely Barton

Lot 6. A brick and tiled messuage or Dwelling house situated on the north side of St Marys' St., with a frontage of 43 feet and extending to Cats Lane; now occupied (in two tenements) by Capt Beauchamp and Mrs Dexter, with outbuildings and garden of 1R 9P; also 12 A 37P of Wash land, lying in Bridge Fen, and being the second wash from the Bridge towards Barway.

This lot is held under a Lease from the Dean and Chapter of Ely, for 40 years, from 25th Nov.1825, at the annual reserved rent of 10s.

Lot 7. All that Pightle or Old Inclosure of prime pasture land, containing three roods, adjoining an Inclosure called the "Nineteen Lands", and Mr Wilks's "Fennywell Close."

Lot 8. All the Pightle or Old Inclosure called "Hill Piece", of Prime Pasture Land containing 2R 7P lying between the Downham Rd and Raventree-way; 15 poles of which are Copyhold of Ely Barton, and the remainder Freehold.

Lot 9. A piece of valuable Pasture Land called a "Caudle Fen Butt", containing 2A 1R 9P, land of the late Robert Few, north, Robert Palmer, south, Barton Farm west and the Drove east. Copyhold – Ely Porta.

Lot 10. Six acres of valuable land, lying in Caudle Fen, abutting west on the Drove, land of Mrs Cutlack north, and of the late Robert Fews south. Copyhold Ely Porta

Lot 11. All those Twelve Acres of valuable land, lying in Caudle Fen Mr Rayner, north, the Caudle Fen Bank on the south and east, and George Green west. Six acres of this Lot is Copyhold (Ely Porta) and six acres freehold.

Further particulars of Mr Dench Solicitor or Auctioneer.

January 30 1841

Death at March – On Saturday last, Thomas Orton, Esq., in the 74th year of his age – he was for nearly 30 years as active Magistrate for the Isle of Ely, and one of the Conservators of the Bedford Level. He rendered important services by his exertions in promoting the drainage of the Fens, more particularly by his perseverance in obtaining the Act for the Eau-brink cut.

Ely – On the night of the 22nd inst., some person or persons broke into the house of Mr. Thomas Munson, grocer, St Mary's St., and stole therefrom a large veneered work-box containing various papers; a mahogany Tea-caddy with a glass basin, silver tongs marked T. M. M.; and a silver caddy spoon; a mahogany box containing a surgical instrument, a dark green cloth cloak, with silk velvet collar, a pair of silver table-spoons marked T. M. M.; a gold ring, several books, and other articles. The above robbery is supposed to have been committed by three men and a woman who travel with a horse and cart, or "sociable"; one of the men is about 5ft 8 inches high, fair complexion, rather a round face about 25 years of age, wearing a mackintosh coat, and a blue cotton handkerchief round his neck.

Another of the men wears a dark mackintosh coat, is rather stout, between 30 and 40 years of age, with whiskers and a pale face. The woman is good looking about 26 and 27 years of age, rather short, she wore a mixed straw bonnet, with a black velvet collar, and a gown with a black ground

and large flowers. All the persons are respectable in appearance. Ten pounds reward has been offered for their apprehension.

About 400 poor families have been liberally supplied with soup and bread, and several with blankets during the late severe weather. A subscription for that purpose was entered into, and the amount required collected in a few hours.

February 6 1841

February 13 1841

Extensive Timber Sale, Stuntney, near Ely
250 Ash, Elm, Willow, and Poplar Trees
To Be Sold by Auction, by Matthew Scott
Monday 22 Feb. next, without any reserve, the same are lying in a Close at Stuntney, convenient for land and water carriage, being near the road from Ely to Soham and Newmarket, a mile from the Ouze and Ely Bridge.

Important Sale at Ely of 108 Acres of First-rate
Fen Land. A Capital Malting, with extensive Wharf
adjoining the River and two dwelling houses
To Be Sold by Auction by C. M. Bidwell
At the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday March 11th 1841
at Six o'clock in the evening (by order of the Trustees and
Executors under the will of the late Jonathan Page Esq.,
Further particulars next week.

Turnpike Road
Leading from Cambridge to Ely, and from thence to Soham etc called the South District.
In pursuance of a Requisition from Three of the Trustees of the said Turnpike-road. Notice is hereby given, that the General Annual Meeting of the said Trustees, will be holden at the White Hart Inn, in Ely aforesaid, on Friday the 19th day of March next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.
And Notice is hereby also given, that at the said meeting new Trustees will be chosen to supply the vacancies in the said Trust occasioned by Death or otherwise.
Dated this seventeenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty-one.
H. R. Evans, Clerk

February 27 1841

Further particulars of important sale of
108 Acres of Fen Land as noted last week
In Burnt Fen.

Lot 1. All that Messuage or Farm house with Barn, yard, and Homestead, and 6A 3R 18P of valuable Fen Land, adjoining the River Ouze, land belonging to the Rectory north, and Mr. Henry Gale, south. Copyhold of Manor of Ely Barton.

Lot 2. A valuable Fen Ground containing 13A 3R 7P abutting west on the Drove, the next Lot north, and land belonging to Mr Henry Gale, south.

Three Acres of this lot are Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Porta
Three Acres Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Barton and the remainder Freehold.

Lot 3. A Valuable Freehold Fen Ground, containing 3A 1R 32P abutting west on the Drove, part of Lot 11 north and the last lot south.

Lot 4. A valuable Fen Ground, containing 9A 3R 35P abutting east on the Drove, land belonging to Mr. George Thorpe North, and Mr. Johnson south.

Three acres of this lot are Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Barton
Three acres Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Porta, and the remainder Freehold.

Lot 5. A Valuable Fen Ground containing 17A 2R 3P abutting west on Green's Drove, land belonging to Richard Sindall north and James Cuttriss south.
Three acres of this Lot are Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Barton
Three acres copyhold of the Manor of Ely Porta, and the remainder Freehold.

Lot 6. All those 11 acres 0R 6P of very valuable Freehold land adjoining the bank of the river and Burnt Fen Commissioners' workshops, land belonging to Richard Sindall north and east.
In Padnal
Lot 7. All those 16 acres of valuable Land, lying between the First Drove and the abandoned river, land belonging to Mark Willson north and south. 1A 2R part of this Lot, are planted with Oziers.
Ten acres are Freehold and six acres Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Barton.

In Middle Fen
Lot 8. All that Valuable Freehold Fen Ground containing 6A 3R 28P abutting west on Quaney Drove, Thorney Farm on the North and East, and being the fourth ground from the end of the Drove.

Lot 9. All that Fen Ground adjoining the last lot, and containing 6A 1R 10P; Mrs Bringhurst's; land south. Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Barton.

In Waterden
Lot 10. All those 7A 0R 8P of Prime Pasture Land, being the second Ground from Clay Way Drove, abutting north on the second Drove. Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Barton.

In Ely
Lot 11. All those valuable and extensive Premises with convenient wharf, most desirably situated for trade, having a frontage next the river of 165 feet, and extending from Broad Street comprising an excellent and well-built brick and Tile Malting, with pump and cistern for steeping 14 quarters, a capital Floor 160 ft by 18ft, with Six Granaries in two floors over; Kiln 16ft 4 in. by 15ft 10in. and Timber Shed. Brick and Tile Dwelling House, a Granary in three floors, 24ft 6ins. by 17ft. A very convenient Tenement fronting Broad St. with oven, Bakehouse and Garden.

Also a valuable Ground in Middle Fen, containing 6A 3R 24P, abutting east on Quaney Drove; and a Ground in Burnt Fen, containing 3A 1R 31P, adjoining Lot 3.
The Land in Middle Fen, the Malting and Granaries, are in hand, and the Houses are in occupation of Mrs Elizabeth Cross and Mr. John Allen. This Lot is held under lease from the Dean and Chapter of Ely, for forty years from 14 June 1831 at the annual reserved rent of 10s.

The Lots in Burnt Fen and Padnal are in the occupation of Mrs Sarah Butcher, and Lots 8,9,10 are in hand.

The Land in Burnt Fen is subject to the Burnt Fen District Taxes: Lots 7 and 10 are subject to the Eau Brink, South Level, and Padnal and Waterden Drainage Taxes; Lots 8 and 9, and the Middle Fen Land comprised in Lot 11, are liable to the Eau Brink and Middle Fen Drainage Taxes.

Further particulars may be known on application to Mr. Dench Solicitor, and a plan of all the Lots may be seen at the office of the Auctioneer, Ely.

Ely Union
Election of Guardians of the Poor
I, William Marshall, the younger, Clerk of the Ely Union, do hereby give notice –
That the number of Guardians of the Poor to be elected for the parishes in the said Union is as follows:-

	No of Guardians		No of Guardians
Ely Trinity	Six	Stretham	One
Ely St Mary	Three	Wilburton	One
Littleport	Three	Mepal	One
Downham	Two	Witcham	One
Witchford	One	Coveney	One
Haddenham	Two	Wentworth	One
Sutton	Two	Thetford	One

Conditions for voting are the same as quoted in Chronicle March 7th 1840 page 8 of notes.
Closing day for votes 23rd March 1841.

March 6 1841

Ely Union Contracts
The Board of Guardians of the above Union, give notice, that they will at their weekly Meeting at the Union Workhouse, in Ely, on Thursday 18th inst., receive Tenders for supplying the said Workhouse and out-door Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief Districts, with the following, from the 25th inst., to the 23rd day of June next inclusive – (viz.)

Good Thirds Flour, at per stone
Bread made of the same quality of Flour (24 hours old) at per 4lb Loaf.

To be delivered at the said Workhouse at such times and in such quantities, as the Board shall order, and to be supplied to the Paupers in every Parish, in such quantities as shall be expressed in Tickets issued by the relieving officer.

N. B. Each Tender must be for supplying One Relief District at least.

They are also desirous of contracting, from the said 25th inst., to the 23rd of June next, inclusive, for such quantities of the undermentioned articles as may from time to time be required at the said Workhouse for the use of the Said Union:-

Provisions etc
Beef (without bone) Mutton, and Suet, at per stone
Cheese, Rice and Potatoes, at per cwt.
Hard yellow soap, Salt, moist sugar, Oatmeal, and Soda at per stone
Butter Tea and dip candles, at per lb
Peas at per coomb; Ale and Milk at per gal;
Coals at per ton; Turf at per 1,000
Port Wine and British Brandy, at per pint
Clothing etc
Fustian, for boys suits, at per yard
Strong grey Army Cloth, for old mens' suits, and twilled calico for lining the same at per yard
Mens' and Boys' strong Dowlas shirts, at per doz.
Bed Ticking and Sheeting, at per yard
Mens', Womens'. Boys', and Girls', strong knitted worsted stockings at per pair
Worsted, at per lb
Cocoa-nut fibre, at per cwt.
Flannel, shroud Flannel, Hemp, Calico and Chambry, at per yd

Sealed Tenders indorsed “Tenders for Flour”, or as the case may be, to be sent to me (free of expense) and Samples must be produced at the meeting.

N. B. Tenders for Bread and Flour must be delivered at my office the night previous to the meeting, otherwise they will not be received; other Tenders may be delivered on or before 9 a.m. of the 18th inst.

The Guardians desire the Contractors to understand that the Relieving Officers have the means furnished them weekly of paying for all the articles they may order, and they hereby give notice, that they will not be responsible for any account against a Relieving Officer of more than 7 days standing.

Contractors to give such security for the performance of their Contract as the Board may require; but the Guardians do not pledge themselves to accept the lowest, or any of the Tenders.

All persons having any demands upon the above Union, are requested to send in their bills to me on or before the 1st of April next, containing full particulars of the articles furnished, or work done, under the orders of the Board, up to and including the 24th inst., accompanied with the orders themselves.
By order of the Board
Wm. Marshall, jun., Clerk.
March 13 1841

March 20 1841

March 27 1841
Isle of Ely,
Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at the Sessions House in Ely in the said Isle, on Wednesday, 7th April next at Ten o’clock in the forenoon, at which hour the Chair will be taken; and all Jurors, Constables, and Parties, bound by recognizance, and others having occasion to attend, are required to give their attendance accordingly.

The Justice’s Clerks are requested to send their several Depositions and recognizances to the Office of the Clerk of the Peace, Wisbech, on or before the Saturday preceding.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech 23rd March 1841

Welney Charity
Lands and Fishery
To be Let by Auction, in Lots, for the term of One Year from the 6th day of April, 1841, at the Vestry room, in Welney, in the Isle of Ely, on Monday 5th April, 1841, at eleven o’clock in the forenoon precisely, and subject to such conditions as will then be produced.

All those 466 Acres of Land, lying in Welney and Littleport, and the Fishery belonging thereto.

N. B. The rents will be required to be paid in advance at the time of hiring, and possession will be given on the said 6th of April next. Further particulars may be had of Hugh Jackson, Esq., or at the office of Messrs. Jackson and Collins, Solicitors, Wisbech.

Braham Farm, Two miles form Ely, on Cambridge Rd.
Important Stock sale on the above Farm by Messrs Legge and Son
The whole of the Sheep and Cow Stock and the greater part of the Horses and Agricultural carriages and implements, late property of Mr. Wm. Goodliff, deceased.

Tithe Commission (Notice)
The Tithe Commissioners for England and Wales, hereby give Notice that a Copy of the Draft of Award of the Rent-charge to be paid in lieu of Tithes in the parishes of the Holy Trinity and St Mary, in Ely, in the Isle of Ely, in the County of Cambridge, has been deposited at the house of Thomas Addison Hills, bookseller, in the said parish of Saint Mary, in Ely, for the inspection of all persons interested in the lands or Tithes of the said parishes. And the Commissioners further give notice, that pursuant to the Act for the Commutation of Tithes, a Meeting will be holden for the purpose of hearing any objections to such Draft of Award by any persons interested as aforesaid, and that such meeting will be held at the Shire Hall, in Ely, on Tuesday the 13th April, 1841, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

Signed by order of the Board
J. E. Hovenden, Secretary
9 Somerset Place
Somerset House,
London
April 3 1841
Burnt Fen First District
Notice is hereby given, that a Meeting of the Commissioners acting under the several Acts of Parliament now in force for the Drainage of the above District, will be held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 15th April next, at twelve o'clock at noon, pursuant to adjournment from the last meeting. Dated this 26th day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-one.
Thomas Archer
Clerk to the Commissioners

Easter Visitations
Notice is hereby given, that the Easter Visitation of the Worshipful John Henry Sparke, Clerk, Master of Arts, Chancellor of the Diocese of Ely, for all places within the said Diocese will be had and held at the Times and places following

For the Deanery of Ely, at the parish church of the Holy Trinity, in Ely, on Thursday 15th April inst 12 o'clock.

Archdeaconry of Ely
Easter Visitation
Notice is hereby given, that the Venerable the Archdeacon of Ely, will hold a visitation of the Churchwardens of the several parishes within the Deaneries of Bourn, Shingay, and Cambridge, and of the parishes of Haddenham and Wilburton, within the Deanery of Ely, at the Parish Church of All Saints, in Cambridge on Sat. 17th April inst., between the hours of eleven o'clock in the forenoon and one in the afternoon; when and where the Churchwardens now in office within the said parishes respectfully are personally to attend and exhibit their Presentments and return copies of their respective Parish Registers in the manner prescribed by the Act of Parliament of the 52nd George III. Chap. 146, and also, such persons as are continued in or newly elected to the office of Churchwardens for the ensuing year, are to attend and take the usual Oaths as the law requires.
Francis Gunning, Deputy Registrar.
April 10 1841
Rural Police
A very full meeting of the Magistrates for the Isle, was held last Thursday at the Shire Hall, Ely, for the purpose of discussing the propriety of putting the Constabulary Act into operation. The proceedings were considered to be of a private nature, but we understand that it was decided to adopt the Act to a certain extent.

Isle of Ely
Quarter Sessions
Held at Ely on Wednesday last, before the Rev. H. Fardell, chairman, and other Magistrates.

The Chairman in his address to the Grand Jury, observed there were many offences in the Calendar, but not one of a serious nature, or that required any observations from him.

To show the necessity of having a Police force, the Chairman alluded to the burning of Mr Cropley's stacks; the two attempts to fire Mr. Bullman's premises, and also of Mr. Reads' of Stretham; the breaking into Mr Munson's shop, and stealing near £80, worth of property; these things he thought demanded a remedy, and nothing could be done but by putting the expensive constabulary act into operation.

Sarah Baker pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing a pair of boots at Wisbech – One months' imprisonment.

William Haylock and Joseph Scott, pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing a copper from Mr. D. Ellingham, of Ely – Two months' hard labour.

Patsy Murphy, indicted for stealing a piece of meat from a butcher's shop at Wisbech – Guilty – Three months' hard labour.

William Mann, pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing a quantity of mustard seed and a sack, from a farmer at Ely – Two months' imprisonment

William Joyse – pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing a loaf of bread from Mr William Cooper of Ely – Two months hard labour.

Susan Brookes – pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing a piece of ribbon, and a piece of quilting net at Wisbech – Six months' imprisonment.

Sarah Steward also pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing some silver spoons from her master at Upwell – Six months.

Thomas Dunham pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing three gold rings and a gold locket from Mr Emanuel, six months imprisonment – two weeks solitary confinement.

George Walkerly, Joanna Patrick and Mary Chapman, were charged with stealing a shawl from Rebecca Parsons at Ely – not guilty.

Mark Hitch and Isaac Carter – were charged with stealing a chair and three candlesticks from Wm. Hitch of Witcham – not guilty.

William Hodson, formerly President of the now defunct colony of Socialists established at Manea Fen, and Thomas Golding: another of the community, were indicted for having, on the 13th of last February, assaulted Maria Ward, a candidate for admission to the Society's privileges. Mr Huddleston was for the prosecution – Mr Pryme for the defence.

From the evidence of the prosecutrix it appeared that her husband was printer to the colony, and that when the press was stopped, he went elsewhere in search of work, leaving her and two children with the society. Some time after this the assault complained of was committed; the woman was burning some turf in her apartments, when Hodson came in and a quarrel arose between them respecting the ownership of the Turf. He went out and returned with Golding, the other defendant, when they maltreated the woman and turned her out of the room.

Mr Pryme cross examined the witness and then addressed the jury on behalf of the defendants, contending that the assault had in fact been committed by the woman, who, not being a member of the society, resisted the defendant Hodson in his attempt to take possession of the Turf which was burning, which Turf did in fact belong to him as president of the society. The defendants were found guilty. Hodson fined £10; and Golding 20s.

April 17 1841

April 24 1841

The General Annual Meeting of the Bedford Level Corporation was held at the Shire Hall, Ely, on Thursday last, and numerously attended. His Grace the Duke of Bedford took the chair, accompanied by the members of the Board.

Full report page 3.

170 Acres of Excellent Fen Land
In Manea Fen, Isle of Ely
To Be Sold by Auction, by C. Bates
In the month of May next.

May 1 1841

Constabulary Force

At the meeting alluded to in our last, convened for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting a memorial to the magistrates at Ely, against the introduction of the above force; the proposed memorial was unanimously agreed to, as well as a second to the House of Commons, and ordered to be presented forthwith.

May 8 1841

Isle of Ely, Adjourned Sessions.

The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden by Adjournment at the Sessions House, in Ely, in the said Isle on Thursday 13th May inst. at Twelve o'clock, on which day and which hour business relating to the adoption throughout the Isle of the Acts passed in the 2nd and 3rd, and 3rd and 4th years of the reign of her present Majesty, for the establishment of County and District Constables, will begin.

Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech, 3rd May 1841

May 15 1841

May 22 1841

Constabulary Force

At an Adjourned Quarter Sessions of the Peace, held at Ely, on the 13th inst, the majority of the magistrates present (after considerable discussion and several divisions) came to a resolution to establish the constabulary force throughout the Isle, and a report to the Secretary of State, stating such determination, and setting forth the number of men supposed to be required, and the amount of salaries purposed to be paid, was agreed to, and other preliminary measures taken for carrying the resolution into effect. Memorials against the measure, very numerously and respectably signed, were presented from Whittlesey and March.

May 29 1841

Birth – on the 27th inst. the lady of H. R Evans, Esq. of Ely, of a son.

Ely Cathedral

A very magnificent window has just been put in at the east end of Bishop West's beautiful chapel in this Cathedral, and just above the handsome monument erected for the late Bishop Sparke.

The five compartments are filled with full length figures of the four evangelist, with St John the Baptist in the centre; they are represented as standing in Gothic niches, clothed in draperies of the most splendid colours, while the small opening above are filled with various devices perfectly applicable to the principal figures; the whole presents a rich combination of the finest colours, and gives to the chapel that beautiful, soft, and mellow tone of light so appropriate to the sacred edifice. It has been done, we understand, at the expence of the family of the late Bishop. The artist is Mr David Evans, of Shrewsbury.

June 5 1841

College Ely
Valuable Household Furniture
Chine and Glass

Fine Toned Piano-forte etc
To Be Sold by Auction
(by C Legge and Son)
On Tuesday and Wednesday next, the 8th and 9th days of June, at 11 o'clock each day, at his Prebendal House in the College, at Ely.
All the valuable and useful
Household Furniture etc. of the late Venerable Archdeacon Cambridge.
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Bedford Level Corporation
The annual Whitsun Meeting of this body was held at the Shire Hall on Wed. last, John Fryer, Esq., in the chair.
The following members of the Board were present
The Earl of Hardwicke, Messrs Edward Fellowes, M. P. Tycho Wing, Thomas Page, Hugh Jackson, John Dobede, Ebeneza Foster, George Jenyns, Samuel Stafford, J.B.S. Bradfield, Charles Margetts, and Thomas Archer.
There was a numerous attendance of the Commonalty.
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June 12 1841
Ely Union
Bread and Flour Contract
To receive Tenders for supplying the said Workhouse and the Out-door paupers from 24th inst. to 22nd September next.

Caution to Watermen
At a Petty Sessions holden at Ely on Thursday last, William Dyson of Swaffham, foreman of Messrs Gilelin's gang, and Samuel Wells of Cambridge, waterman, were each fined £1.10s.6d for navigating the river Ouze on Sunday the 30th ult.

Lamb Inn, Ely
To be let, and entered upon at Michaelmas next.
For particulars enquire of Messrs. William and John Harlock, or, of the present tenants Mr. William Beecroft.

Isle of Ely Adjourned Sessions
The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, for the Isle of Ely, will be holden by adjournment, at the Griffin Inn, in March, in the said isle on Tuesday 22nd June inst., at 12 o'clock noon, on which day, and at which hour, all business relating to the assessment, application, or management of the Isle Stock or Rate will commence and be done and transacted in open court. And at the hour of two in the afternoon of the same day, or as soon after the said last mentioned hour as the business relating to the Isle Stock or Rate shall be disposed of, the business relating to the Establishment of the Constabulary Force in the Isle will commence and be transacted.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech 8th June 1841

To Brewers, Merchants, Millers etc
Valuable Brewing Utensils, Cooches Patent Dressing Machine

2 Weighing Machines, Capital Road Waggon, Millers' Cart
5 Waggon Horses, 5 yr old Nag Mare. Water-cart etc
Broad Street Ely
To Be Sold by Auction, by C. Legge and Son
(Duty Free) on the Premises, at the Cutter Inn, Annesdale, Ely
On Friday 18th June, inst.
The Property of Mr. William Wright.

June 19 1841

Isle of Ely General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, will be holden at the Sessions House in Wisbech on Wed. 30th June, at Ten in the forenoon, at which hour the chair will be taken; and all Jurors, Constables and Parties, bound by recognizance, and others having occasion to attend are required to give their attendance accordingly.

The Justices Clerks are requested to send their several Depositions and recognizances to the office of the Clerk of the Peace, Wisbech, on or before the Saturday preceding.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech, June 15th 1841.

June 21 1841

Valuable Leasehold Estate, Ely
To Be Sold by Auction (by C Legge and Son)
In the Month of July next
An Excellent Grazing and Arable Farm, called "Braham Farm" adjoining the turnpike road from Cambridge to Ely, about Two miles from Ely, and comprising a complete Homestall, and upwards of 260 acres of very productive Land.

The Estate is held under lease from the Dean and Chapter of Ely for 21 years from Michaelmas last.

Further particulars from Messrs. T & G Archer Solicitors Ely.

Marriage at Ely
On Tuesday last (by the Rev. J. B. Palmer M.A.) the Rev. George Hall, B. A. Of Catherine Hall, curate of Southery Norfolk to Mary, second daughter of John Hall Esq., of Ely.

Extraordinary Discovery
As some men were employed in digging gault last week in Haddenham Fen, and had got about 5 feet below the surface, their spades came in contact with a hard substance, which they imagined would prove to be an old oak tree, many of which have been frequently found in the fens within a few feet of the surface; but to their great astonishment on removing the soil around it, they discovered it to be an ancient canoe, bottom upwards, in length 26 feet, and in breadth something above four feet, with rullocks for three pairs of oars; about five feet in length was broken off the canoe in getting it out. It appeared on close inspection to be hollowed out from the trunk of a single tree. How long it may have been imbedded in the soil, or whether it was used by our Saxon ancestors, or by the Romans, when they conquered this "tight little island", would puzzle the brain of a "*Jonathan Oldbuck*", to fathom; but that many centuries have elapsed since its formation there is no doubt.

July 3 1841

Death – On Monday last, at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. George Jackson, of Bury, after a short illness, borne with Christian fortitude and resignation, Mary, relict of the late Mr. John Fortington, sen., of Ely aged 78.

Quarter Sessions for the Isle of Ely commenced on Wednesday last, at Wisbech, the Rev. H. Fardell, Chairman. The number of prisoners was unusually large, but as the greater part of that day

was occupied in an appeal case, only one prisoner was tried, which was a case of considerable importance to the town, as to the account of the prisoner Thomas Batley, a notorious character, was placed the numerous burglaries we have of late had committed here. The house of Mr. F. Southwell, Lower Hill Street, Wisbech was broken into, and a time piece stolen, which was traced to a pawnbroker's at Lynn, where on Thursday the prisoner was identified as the person who had taken it. After a short trial he was found guilty, and sentenced to 7 years transportation.

To Carpenters, Builders, Wheelwrights, and others
Extensive Sale of Wood,
Carpenter's Benches, Mahogany and stained Bed Pillars
Quantity of Nails
Neat Chaise Cart, Tumbril, Harness, Hand Cart, etc
Kate's Lane, Ely
To Be Sold by Auction by C Legge and Son
On the Premises situate in Kate's Lane in Ely on Tuesday
6th of July next and following days.

The Auctioneers beg leave to inform the public and trade in general, that the above mentioned extensive stock is of excellent quality, well seasoned and fit for immediate use and affords a desirable opportunity to the trade and persons about to build of supplying themselves with good articles.

The whole will be sold without reserve for ready money.
Catalogues may be had at the place of sale.

Braham Manor Farm, Ely
To Be Sold by Auction, by C Legge and Son
At the Lamb Inn, in Ely on Thursday 15th July next at 7 p.m.
Held by Lease under the Dean and Chapter of Ely for
Twenty-one years from Michaelmas 1840

The estate is situated about 2 miles from Ely, next the Cambridge Turn-pike road, which passes through it and comprises a commodious modern built dwelling-house, with large barn and stables, Chaise-house, Lodges and other out- buildings, spacious cattle and stack-yard, productive gardens, and 263 acres of Arable and Grazing land, of which 28 Acres are open field land, and the remainder is divided into convenient pieces for occupation.

The following rights are considered to belong to the Estate, viz:-
A right of sheepwalk and foldage for nine score sheep in Braham Field, also a right of common for all other cattle at commendable times. An exclusive right to the herbage on the sides of the road from Braham Brook to Grunty Fen, and likewise common of pasture for sheep and all sorts of cattle in Grunty Fen.

Possession will be delivered on the completion of the Purchase at Michaelmas next.
Further information may be had from Messrs. T. and G. Archer, Solicitors, Ely.

July 10 1841

Birth at Ely – On Monday last, Mrs Goodwyn Archer of a son.

Isle of Ely Adjourned Sessions

Notice is hereby given that the General Quarter Sessions will be holden by Adjournment at the Sessions House, in Wisbech, on Wednesday 14th July inst., and that at 12 o'clock noon of that day the business relating to the appointment of a Chief Constable for the Isle, under the Acts passed in the 2nd and 3rd, and 3rd and 4th years of the reign of her present Majesty, for the establishment of County and District constables will begin and be transacted.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech. 2nd July 1841

Isle of Ely (to wit)
I, Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, do in compliance with the directions of an Act of Parliament passed in the ninth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, intitled, "An Act for better Regulation of Divisions in the several counties of England and Wales," give notice, that I did previously to the last General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely receive a statement in writing signed by two of Her Majesties Justices of the Peace acting in and for the said Isle of which the following is a copy, viz.-

To Hugh Jackson Esq.,
Clerk of the Peace for the Isle of Ely
"We, the undersigned, Justices of the Peace, acting in and for the Isle of Ely, in the County of Cambridge do, in pursuance of the provisions of the Act of Parliament passed in the ninth year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the Fourth intitled, "An Act for the better Regulation of Divisions in the Several Counties of England and Wales" by this writing under our hands state our opinion.

That it would be more convenient to the inhabitants severally resident in the Hamlet of Manea, in the said Isle, and in the Extra-parochial place called "Welches Dam" in the said Isle, if the said hamlet and Extra-parochial place now situated or deemed to be in and forming part of the division of the said Isle called "The south part the hundred of Witchford,' (for which said south part the Special and Petty sessions are holden at Ely), were annexed to, and become part of the other division of the said Isle called "the North part of the hundred of Witchford,' (for which said North part the Special and Petty Sessions are holden at Chatteris, in the said Isle), and within the boundaries of which said last-mentioned division, the Rev. Robert Chartfield L. L. D., the Rev. Algernon Peyton, M. A., and John Fryer and John Richardson Fryer, Esqs., are Justices of the Peace usually resident and acting". Witness our hands the 13th day of May 1841.

"Algernon Peyton"
"George Peacock"

And I do further give notice, that I did at the said last Sessions, lay the statement before the Justices of the Peace for the said Isle of Ely in sessions assembled, and that the same will be taken into consideration by the Court at the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said Isle.
Dated this 2nd day of June 1841
Hugh Jackson.

Abstract of the Accounts of the Treasurers of the Isle of Ely, from 23 June 1840 to the 22nd June 1841, passed and allowed at an adjourned and Special Sessions of the Peace, holden at March, in and for the said Isle, on the 22nd day of June, 1841.

Receipt	£	S	D
By Balance of last accounts	1408	1	11½
On account of Isle Rates	1300	14	11
The Treasurer of the Town of Cambridge, a moiety of contribution money paid for prisoners in the Fleet, Queens Bench, and Marshalsea Prisons.	5	0	0
Amount of Fines received under convictions for assaults, false and			

deficient measures, weights and balances, and under malicious injury, retail beer, game, and licensing Acts	38	8	3
A moiety of expences on criminal prosecutions and conveyance of convicts	328	17	5
Sums received by Inspectors of Weights and Measures	13	17	11
Ditto for sale of nine copies of the Register of Voters	2	5	0
Incidental receipts	0	0	0
Balance due to the Treasurers	415	1	2
	£3582	6	7½
Expenditure	£	S	D
Expences of conveying vagrants and offenders to gaol, relieving poor travellers, and charges of pursuing felons	114	5	8½
Prosecution of orders at assizes and Sessions	924	6	4
Expences of Houses of Correction	941	15	10½
Ditto for Sessions Houses	39	14	9
Repairs of Shire Halls and House of Correction, and for Insurance and Land Tax	140	4	8½
Contribution money for prisoners in the Fleet, Queens Bench and Marshalsea Prisons	10	0	0
Treasurers salaries	60	0	0
Clerk of the Peace, Clerk of Assize, and the Magistrates' clerks for General business	190	17	5
Contingent Bills at assizes, sessions and petty sessions	15	13	1½
Coroners' accounts	360	16	5
Salaries to Receivers of Assize returns	0	0	0
Ditto to High Constables and others and for their incidental expences	130	0	11
Printing, advertising, stationers bills, stamps and postages	27	7	11
Repairing Bridges	109	5	3
Expences of conveying felons to the hulks	97	17	3
Militia account	0	0	0
Allowance to Inspector of Weights and Measures and for incidents	81	11	5½
Repairs of Treadmills	18	4	0
Clerk of Peace's Bill under the reform and boundary acts, Printing copies of Registers of voters, and for incidental expences	139	9	6
Incidental expences	180	16	0
	3582	6	7½

H. R. Evans
Hugh Jackson | Treasurers

July 17 1841

Serious Accident

On Saturday last, as Timothy Russell, a horse breaker, of this city, was riding a very spirited horse belonging to Charles Moseley, Esq., of New Barns, the animal became unmanageable, and threw Russell; the horse then kicked him with so much violence that his breast bone and several of his ribs were broken. Assistance was immediately procured, but he is in a very hopeless state.

Distressing Suicide

On Saturday morning, the family of Mr James Mayle (living on the road between this city and Stuntney) were alarmed at finding their father in a barn with his throat cut in a most dreadful way. Life not being quite extinct, medical aid was procured but in vain.
It appears that for the last dew years he has been a great bodily sufferer, which has brought him to a low state of mind.
An inquest was held upon the body, when the jury returned a verdict of temporary insanity.

July 24 1841

Immense Mushroom

On Monday last Mr Edwd. Kirby, of Chettisham, near Ely, cut a mushroom of the following extraordinary size:- circumference 5ft 3in. diameter 1ft 6in., stalk 14in round. It weighed 4lbs and produced one quart and half a pint of catchup.

Boy drowned

On Saturday last an inquest was held at the Ship Ely, before H. R. Evans, gent, coroner, on view of the body of James Willson, aged six years, who on the preceding evening, about seven o'clock, was observed fishing near the ship: not returning home at night, early on the following morning a search was made after him, and in a few minutes he was found in the river near the spot where he was last seen.
Verdict –found drowned.

July 31 1841

August 7 1841

Constabulary Force

On Thursday an adjourned session for the Isle of Ely, was held at Chatteris, when it was decided on the suggestion of Captain Hampton, chief constable, that the constabulary force for the Isle should be constituted as follows:-
Three superintendents at £110 per annum, including finding and keeping of their own horses;

Five serjeants at 23s per week;
Four 1st class constables at 21s per week, one of whom acting as clerk to the chief constable, is to receive an additional salary of 8s per week;
And 24 2nd class constables at 18s per week.
The total strength of the force will be 36.

August 14 1841

Fatal Accidents

On Monday last an unprecedented number of accidents occurred near this city and we are sorry to add two of them proved fatal, those of Sarah Bidwell, wife of Wm. Bidwell, and James Hawkes. The former was riding with her husband on the shafts of a waggon loaded with wood, one on each side, she having hold of the breeching: the horse in the shafts began to be a little restive, the husband got off, caught hold of it head and stopped it. He then discovered his wife lying in the road, the waggon having passed over her body.

The latter victim, James Hawkes, a boy about 7 years of age, accompanied by his father, who is in the employ of Mr Henry Lawrence, from Witchford, with a load of corn to take to the mill belonging to that gent; whilst the father was engaged putting bran into sacks, he sent the child to look at the horses, instead of doing which he crept unobserved up a ladder, and got upon the stage, where he was found lying under the sails, having received a violent blow on the head. In both instances medical aid was immediately procured, but the unfortunate sufferers survived but a short time. On the following morning inquests were held before H. R. Evans, gent, coroner, and verdicts found of accidental death.

More accidents

On the same afternoon Mr John Hills liquor merchant, having driven into the yard of the White Horse, Witcham, alighted, when his horse proved very restive Mr. H having hold of one of the reins

near the bit with one hand, and his little boy under the other arm, and being next the wall could with great difficulty extricate himself from his dangerous situation. After some struggling the horse gained his liberty, set off at a rapid rate down the town into a field, left the remains of the gig in a gravel pit, and stopped when he found himself in the middle of a muddy pond.

Shortly afterwards the brother of the Rev. Mr. Vickers, curate of Witcham, in company with Mr. Wm Golborne, proceeding towards Witcham in a gig, the horse took fright, and Mr Vickers jumped out of the gig and broke his leg. A woman reaping in a field near, having her attention so suddenly attracted, accidently cut off one of her fingers with the reaping hook. To this list of accidents we are sorry to add that Jno. Muriel Esq., had his collar bone broken by his horse falling and throwing forward whilst riding under Caudlefen Bank.

August 21 1841

Fatal Accident

On Sat. last an inquest was held at the sign of the Black Horse, Upwell, before William Townley Esq., coroner, on view of the body of Elizabeth James, aged two years, who died on the preceding day in consequence of having been accidently scalded with boiling water on the previous Wednesday, and the jury returned a verdict to that effect. On Wednesday evening, the 11th inst. Mary Ann James aged eight years, sister of the deceased, was entrusted by her mother to nurse her, she being a weakly child and just beginning to walk. The elder one amused herself by washing doll's clothes and hanging them to dry on the tap of the water-kitchen, which stood upon the stove, and contained boiling water, and in attempting to take up the little girl in her arms from the floor, they by some means pulled down the water-kitchen, when the water, forcing off the lid, flowed upon the unfortunate children, scalding them in the most dreadful manner. The younger one survived the accident only about thirty-two hours, but it is hoped that the elder one, though still in a precarious state, will ultimately recover.

Another Accident

On Tuesday last a boy about ten years of age, named John Stimpson, has his thigh dreadfully fractured by a kick from a horse on the farm of Mr Joseph Jones, of Upwell.

Confirmation

On Thursday the Bishop of Ely, held a confirmation in the parish church at March, when near 500 young persons of both sexes, from Chatteris, Benwick, Manea, Doddington, Wimblington and March, received that rite from his hands.

Ely, Very Desirable

Mercantile Situation, to Merchants, Maltsters and Brewers,

To Be Peremptorily Sold by Auction, by C Legge & Son

At the Lamb Inn, Ely, on Thursday 9th September next, at 6 p.m.

(subject to such conditions of sale as shall be then and there produced) in one Lot

The Following

Valuable and Extensive Property, Comprising

A Commodious Brick Dwelling House, with Counting House, and other necessary offices, Yard, Garden, Stables and Coach House.

An extensive melting, with a 13-quarter Steep, and large Barley chamber above it, a Malt-Kiln, Malt-Chamber, and Granaries over the Malting, extending the whole length of the building.

A Small but convenient Brewery, with Store-Rooms adjoining.

"The Cutter Inn" or Pubic House, adjoining the Dwelling House, with stabling for 14 horses, and other outbuildings.

A Lime Kiln with Lodges adjoining.

Another Dwelling House in Broad Street with small garden, excellent cellar, Liquor shop, and outbuildings, being the Tap to the Cutter Inn.

The above premises are well worthy the attention of Merchants, Maltsters, and Brewers, they are situate at Ansdale Quay, in Ely, adjoining the navigable River Ouze, communicating with Cambridge and Lynn, and extend from the River up to Broad Street, and they are now in hand.

The Malting Granary and Brewery, are Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Porta, and the remaining Premises are Freehold.

Further particulars on application to Messrs Evans and Son, Solicitors, Ely.

The Purchaser may be accommodated with half the purchase money on Mortgage.

August 28 1841

Isle of Ely - Death from playing with Lucifer Matches

At Wimblington last week, a little boy named Hill, met with his death from playing with the articles mentioned above. It appears that the old lady in whose charge he was, having occasion to leave the house for a short time, had left the boy by himself, supposing that nothing could occur during her absence, there being no fire in the house, and she had locked the door, so that he might not get away from her care, but the child, by some means or other had obtained possession of some lucifers, with which he accidently set fire to his clothes.

When the old lady returned he was quite dead, his body being almost burnt to a cinder. The many accidents which have arisen from an incautious use of these and other combustibles of the same class render it highly necessary that some restrictions should be placed upon their indiscriminate spread.

Sudden Death

At the same place, about the same time, a labourer in the employ of one of the farmers in the village, died very suddenly in the ground in which he was at work. He had been racing with some of his companions, and being very much tired, had set himself down to rest while they went after their work: but one of them returning a short time after found him dead.

An inquest was held over him by Wm. Pratt, Esq., Coroner, and verdict returned accordingly.

September 4 1841

To Be Let

And entered upon at Michaelmas next

The Bell Inn, at Ely

Inquire of George and John Hall, Ely

September 11 1841

Ely Rectory Glebe Land

To Be Let by Auction (by C Legge & Son)

In Lots, at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 16th September next, at Six o'clock in the evening (subject to such conditions of sale as shall then be produced.)

Sixty Eight acres of Open Field Arable Land.

Nine Acres (more or less) of Inclosed Arable Land, called the "Nineteen Lands" at Ferrywell.

Two Closes of Highland Pasture, One containing Four Acres (more or less), and the other Two Acres (more or less).

Six Acres (more or less), of Land, in Middle Fen, and Three Acres (more or less) of Land in Burnt Fen.

The whole of the above land is now in occupation of the Executors of the late Jonathan Page Esq., and is in a high state of cultivation; and will be let by the Trustees of the concurrent Lease of the Ely Rectory (Tithe Free) for four years, from Michaelmas next.

Further particulars from Messrs Evans and Son, solicitors, Ely.

Death – on 2nd inst., at Ely, at the advanced age of 92, James Samuel Thimbleby, a native of Witcham, near that city. He was employed as a shepherd for upwards of 50 years but latterly held a situation in the Cathedral.

On Saturday, Mr Wm. Thompson, farmer of Prickwillow, after an illness of many years duration.

Inquest
An inquest was held at Wilburton near Ely, before H. R. Evans Esq. coroner, on Sat. last, upon the body of Mr Henry Pond, jobber, who was found dead in his bed. After a careful investigation the verdict was recorded, "Died by the visitation of God".
Storm
This City was visited on Saturday last by a very violent storm of wind and rain. Several buildings etc., in the neighbourhood have been damaged, and amongst others Messrs Simpson's flour-mill, and a water mill in the Fens, each of which lost two sails.

Ely Union Contracts
The Board of Guardians of the above Union give notice, that they will, at their weekly meeting at the Union Workhouse in Ely, on Thursday 16th inst., receive tenders for supplying the said Workhouse and the Out-Door Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief District, with the following articles from the 23rd inst, to the 22nd day of December next inclusive.

Good Thirds Flour, at per stone
Bread made of the same quality of flour (24 hours old) at per 4lb loaf.

To be delivered at the said Workhouse at such times, and in such quantities as shall be expressed in Tickets issued by the Relieving-Officer.
N.B. Each Tender must be for supplying one Relief District at least.
They are also desirous of Contracting, from the said 23rd inst., to the 24th March next, inclusive, for such Quantities of the undermentioned Articles as may from time to time be required at the said Workhouse, for the use of the said Union – viz:-
Provisions, etc.
Beef without bone, Mutton and Suet, at per stone
Cheese and Rice, at per cwt.
Hard yellow soap, Salt, moist sugar, Oatmeal and Soda at per stone
Butter, Tea, and dip Candles, at per lb.
Peas, at per coomb; Ale and Milk, at per gallon; Coals, at per ton
Turf, at per 1000
Port wine and Best British Brandy at per pint
Clothing etc.
Haverhill Drabbet, at per piece of twenty yards
Strong grey Army cloth, for old mens' suits and Twilled Calico for lining the same, at per yard.
Mens' and Boys' strong Dowlas Shirts, at per dozen.
Men', Womens', Boys', Girls' strong knitted worsted stockings, at per pair; Worsted at per lb
Cocoa-nut fibre, at per cwt.
Flannel and Shroud Flannel, Hemp, Calico, and Chambry, at per yard.

Sealed Tenders indorsed "Tender for Flour," or as the case may be, to be sent to me (free of expense) and Samples must be produced at the Meeting.

Tenders for Bread and Flour must be delivered at my office the night previous to the Meeting, otherwise they will not be received. Other Tenders may be delivered on or before 9 a.m. of the 17th inst. The Guardian's desire the Contractors distinctly to understand that the Relieving Officers have the means furnished them weekly to pay for all the Articles they order; and they hereby give Notice that they will not be responsible for any account against a Relieving Officer of more than seven days standing.

Contractors to give such security for the performance of their Contract as the Board may require but the Guardians do not pledge themselves to accept the lowest or any of the Tenders.
N. B. All persons having any demands upon the above Union are requested to send in their bills to me, on or before the 1st day of October next, containing full particulars of the Articles furnished, or Work done, under the orders of the Board, up to and including the 22nd inst., accompanied with the Orders themselves.
By Order of the Board
William Marshall, jun., Clerk.

September 18 1841

Death at Ely
On Sunday last, at the venerable age of 91 years, retaining her faculties till the last day of her life, Rebecca, relict of the late Mr Richard Scott, sen., of Ely, mother of Mr R Scott, Fore-hill, and Mr Matthew Scott of the White Hart Inn.
She was a kind mother and good neighbour
"Oh, autumn leaves
Like you, she casts aside all hues of gloom
And of her brightening hopes a chaplet weaves
That o'er her tomb
Throws the glad promise of eternal bloom"

September 25 1841

Ely Rectory Glebe Land
At the letting of this property by auction at the lamb Inn, on Thursday, for four years from Michaelmas next, the open field (which is fallow for one year during the period) averaged from £3 to £4 per acre.

The highland pasture land £6 per acre, one fen ground upwards of £6 per acre, and one other ground in Burnt Fen upwards of £7 per acre. The rents are unprecedented.

Gang of Lighters
And 2 Horses, used to the Business
Twelve month's credit
Ely
To Be Sold by Auction
By Joseph Wentworth
By the direction of the proprietor Mr. John Cross (who is declining a portion of his business on account of the illness of his Son) at the Ship Inn, Quay-side, Ely, on Tuesday October 5, 1841, at Three o'clock in the afternoon.

Lot 1	Fore Lighter	Decked	Burden	21 Chaldron
Lot 2	House ditto	Ditto	Ditto	20 ditto
Lot 3	Third ditto	Ditto	Ditto	20 ditto
Lot 4	Four ditto	Ditto	Ditto	17 ditto

Lot 5	House Lighter	Ditto	Ditto	14 ditto
Lot 6	Great Boat good as new		Ditto	9 ditto

Also Two strong Horses used to the business, Masts, Sails, Rigging etc.
Twelve months' Credit on approved joint security

Catalogues may be had at the Ship, Ely; St Ives, and Earith; Banks-end and Littleport, and of J Wentworth auctioneer and appraiser opposite Trinity College Cambridge.

October 2 1841

Isle of Ely Adjourned Sessions
Will be holden at the Sessions House, in Wisbech, in the said Isle, on Saturday the 9th October inst., at Twelve o'clock noon.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace

Barton Farm Ely
60 Beasts
To Be Sold by Auction
By C. M. Bidwell
On Thursday, Oct 14th 1841, precisely at Three o'clock in the afternoon, on the premises of Barton Farm.

Comprising 40 three and four-yrs-old Hereford and 20 four-yrs-old Irish and Shorthorned Beasts.

The Auctioneer begs strongly to recommend the above to his Agricultural Friends and the Public. They are very forward in condition, many of them fit for the butcher, and will be sold in pairs, without reserve, in consequence of the Proprietor reducing his winter stock.

Ely Mysterious Occurrence
We take the following particulars of an extraordinary affair from the Times of yesterday.

Yesterday morning, a man was brought to London Hospital from the Station-house at Bromley, Essex, in custody of police constable 162 K. Division, having several severe wounds on his head and body, under the following strange circumstances.

It appears that on the preceding night, about half-past ten o'clock, as policeman 300 K was going on his rounds at Leytonstone, Essex, he observed a man loitering about that place, and several robberies having lately been committed in that neighbourhood, he questioned him, when he stated that he was waiting for the Cambridge Van, by which he was going to London. The policeman on searching a bag which he had in his possession, found its only contents to be a pair of razors and a pistol. The policeman then advised him to walk on towards London, and left him. About 2 o'clock in the morning, the same policeman on returning that road, observed the man in the act of going towards the back premises of a house in Leytonstone, belonging to Mr. Pasey, and after cautiously opening the back gate he went in and closed it after him, upon which the policeman followed and took him into custody. Upon his doing so, the man uttered many incoherent expressions, and on the way to the Station-house at Bromley suddenly commenced a violent attack upon the policeman, and endeavoured to get him to the ground, but failing in his efforts, after a severe scuffle, he took to his heels and ran away. Another policeman coming up, they commenced a pursuit, and after the lapse of about an hour, were attracted to a cottager's garden by calls for "Police", when they discovered him standing in the garden with a large stick in his hand, on which were marks of wet blood.

They conveyed him to the Station-house, where it was discovered that he had several severe wounds on his forehead, and a deep cut on the back part of his head, from which the blood was flowing. Some assistance was rendered to him, and eventually he was placed in a cell, and in the

morning his wounds being considered dangerous, Dr Baker of Bow was sent for and recommended his immediate removal to the above hospital, whither he was conveyed in custody of policeman 162 K.

The man when taken to the Station-house, refused to give his name, or any account of himself, but on arriving at the hospital, said that his name was Edward Warner, and that he was a brickmaker, residing at Ely, Cambs, but he pertinaciously refused any further explanation, or account of the manner in which he came by his wounds. He remains at the hospital, (under the custody of the police) in a very dangerous condition.

October 9 1841

Isle of Ely

Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at the Sessions-House in Ely, in the said Isle, on Wednesday the twentieth day of October inst., at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, at which hour the chair will be taken; and all Jurors, Constables, and Parties bound by recognizance, and others having occasion to attend are required to give their attendance accordingly.

The justices' Clerks are requested to send their several Depositions and recognizances to the office of the Clerk of the Peace, Wisbech on or before the Saturday preceding.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace

Assault

On Monday last, Mr William Onion, market-gardener Ely, charged with furiously driving in the streets of Ely, assaulted two policemen in the execution of their duty, and being drunk.

Fined penalties and costs £8 11s 6d.

Accident

On Monday last, at Oxlode, near Ely, Mr. Ralph Hills, the respectable tenant of H. R. Evans, Esq., in the management of a thrashing machine, had his thigh broken dangerously.

October 16 1841

Valuable
Arable and Pasture, Fen and Wash Land, and Osier Grounds
Situate in the parishes of Ely, Soham, and Downham, and in
the Hamlet of Thetford. In the Isle of Ely
which will be offered for Sale by Auction,
By Messrs. Legge and Son, and Mr C. Bidwell,
who are jointly concerned on this occasion
at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday, 28th October inst., at
Six o'clock in the evening in the following lots:-

Lot 1. A Messuage, now divided into Two Tenements, situate at the west-end of Deacon's Lane, in Ely, and Half an Acre (more or less) of excellent garden ground, well planted, adjoining the same, now in occupation of Thomas Minett and William Smith.
Copyhold of Manor of Ely Barton

Lot 2 All those five Acres of Wash Land adjoining the River Ouze bounded by Braham Farm north and west, and land belonging to J. D. Merest, towards the south; now in occupation of Wm. Tharby and Freeman Hazelwood. Freehold.

Lot 3 All those Twelve Acres of Fen or Marsh Land lying in North Fen, in Downham, bounded by Corfey Drove on the east numbered in the Littleport and Downham District Map "555" now in occupation of James Strawson – freehold.

Lot 4 All that well accustomed Beer-house called "The Ferry" eligibly situate in a place called "Harrow-meer", near the River Ouze in the parish of Soham, together with the Barn, Stable and Outbuildings belonging to same – Also all those Eleven Acres and Two Roods of very superior Land, called "Lug Hill", bounded on the north by the Drove leading to Fordy Farm, and on the south and east by land belonging to Thomas and Edward Granger, now in occupation of Mr Freeman Hazlewood. Copyhold of the Manor of Barway.

Lot 5 all those Three Acres of valuable Fen Land, lying in the Scores, in Thetford; bounded by the Ouze on the west, by the next lot north, and by a Ditch called "The Division Ditch" on the east and south. – Copyhold of the Manor of Thetford.

Lot 6 All those nine acres of valuable land, also lying in the Scores, in Thetford, with a Barn and Stable thereon, bounded by land belonging to Mr Taylor north, the last lot south, the Division Ditch east and the River Ouze west.

Six acres, part of this Lot are copyhold of the Manor of Barway, and the remainder Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Barton.

Lot 7 All those Three Acres of pasture Land, also lying in the Scores, adjoining next lot north, land belonging to Wm. Taylor, south, the division ditch east, and River west.
Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Barton.

Lot 8 All those Six Acres of valuable Land, also lying in the Scores, with a cottage theron; bounded by land belonging to Wm. Dewsbury north, last lot south, the Division Ditch east and the River Ouze west.

Three Acres are copyhold of the Manor of Ely Barton and Three Acres Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Porta.

Lot 9 Nine Acres of Wash Land lying in Reed Fen, in Thetford called a "Boat's-gang" being one twelfth part of the same fen, formerly Richard Pope's. Copyhold of Manor of Ely Barton.

Lot 10 All those Nine Acres of Wash Land, lying in the same Fen, also called a "Boat's-gang", formerly Peacocks. Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Barton.

Lot 11 Nine Acres of Wash Land, lying in the same Fen, also called a "Boat's-gang", formerly Murfitts. Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Barton.

Lot 12 All those Nine Acres of wash Land, lying in the same Fen, also called a "Boat's-gang", formerly Drage's. Two Acres, part of this Lot are planted with osiers, Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Porta.

Lot 13 All those Nine Acres of Wash Land, lying in the same fen, also called a "Boat's-gang", formerly Dewsbury's. Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Porta.

Lot 14. All those Nine acres of Wash Land, lying in the same Fen, also called a "Boat's-gang", formerly Drages. Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Barton.

Lot 15 all those Eight Acres of Wash Land, lying in Two pieces, called "Chapel Hill" with a Dwelling-House thereon; bounded by Hall Fen Common north and west, and the road leading to Fordy Farm south, now in occupation of Richard Pope. Freehold.

Lot 16 All those Four Acres, of valuable and productive Land, well planted with thriving Osiers, lying in Thetford, adjoining the River on the east. Hall Fen Common on the north and the road leading to Ford Farm south. Copyhold of the manor of Ely Porta.

Lot 17 All those Five Acres of like productive Osier Ground lying at Thetford, adjoining the River Ouze east; the road leading to Fordy-Farm north, land of Thomas and Edward Granger south, and Reed Fen west.

One Acre is Copyhold of the Manor of Barway, one is Freehold; and the remainder is Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Porta.

Lot 2 is subject to the Adventurers' Tax, and to the Eau-Brink and South Level Taxes.
Lot 3 is subject to the Eau Brink, and to the Littleport and Downham district Taxes.
Lots 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 are subject to the Eau Brink and Middle Fen Taxes.
The remaining lots are subject to the Eau Brink and South Level Taxes.

For further particulars apply to Mr. Dench, solicitor, Ely.

October 23 1841

Caution to Waggoners

On Thursday last John Seymour, of Stretham, near Ely, was convicted upon the evidence of Foster policeman, for driving a team without reins and refusing to give his name, and was fined £1. 10s.

Isle of Ely Sessions

The Quarter Sessions commenced on Wed. last, but it is totally impossible for us to find room for it. The most important feature was the conviction and transportation for 14 years of Charles Culling, who, together with other members of his family, appears to have been engaged in an extensive system of theft in Wisbech.

October 30 1841

November 6 1841

Bell Inn and Commercial House
Ely
Robert Walker
Late of the Lynn "Union" Day Coach

Having taken and entered upon the above Inn, begs most respectfully to acquaint the Nobility, Gentry, Commercial Gentlemen, and the Public in general, that it is his intention to conduct the same on most liberal terms, by which he hopes to merit the favour of those friends and patrons who may honour him with their commands.

R. W. begs to add that he has laid in a choice stock of good Old Wines, also Spirits and Liquers of the finest quality.

Good and well aired Beds with excellent sleeping rooms
Open and Close Flys, Gigs with steady horses and careful drivers
Excellent stabling, with lock-up Coach-Houses
Lynn and London Day Coaches, London, Lynn and Wells Mail every night and morning.

November 13 1841

At the General Quarter Sessions, the Court did Order That, from and after the 30th day of Oct., the said Hamlet of Manea and the said Extra-Parochial place called Welches Dam be annexed to the Division called the North Part of the Hundred of Witchford aforesaid, for all and every the purposes mentioned in the said Act of Parliament.

Hugh Jackson

November 20 1841

Robbery

One night last week, Mr. Wm. Marsh of Newnham, Ely, had all his fowls stolen from his hen house. Some tame rabbits were also stolen the same night.

A Barbarous Deed
On Wednesday night, some cruel miscreant went into the pound, at Ely, and cut off the tail of a donkey, and then cut the poor creatures throat.

It belonged to Mr James Cutriss jun., and was quite a favourite animal. The scoundrels were heard by two men confined in the cage who imagined some one was dying in the adjoining cell.

The Police Affair at Ely
To the Editor of the Cambridge Chronicle

Sir
You will very greatly oblige me by inserting in your journal, the letter on the other side, which I have written to you contemporary. It was expected that the affair would have been reported in your paper, but, by some misunderstanding, it was not.
I remain, Sir, your very obedient servant
Chas. Crawley

To the Editor of the Independent Press
Sir
Anxious that the public should not form an erroneous opinion as to my conduct in the affair with the policemen of this town, reported in your paper on Saturday last, I will trouble you to insert this letter, in contradiction of that gross perversion of truth so manifest throughout the whole paragraph relating to this matter. On the 6th inst., Mr John Gotobed and myself were summoned to appear on the following Monday, to answer to a complaint made against us by P.C. Hammond, for having assaulted him in the execution of his duty. On the hearing of the case before the Rev. the Dean, the Rev. Dr. French, and the Rev. G Millers, who very patiently and fairly investigated the matter. The policeman swore that about twenty minutes after one on the previous Saturday morning, Mr Gotobed, Mr Bowles and myself, were talking at the end of High Street, against my own door, when he came up and requested us to move on – that I swore at him and pushed him off the pavement – that he again approached me, when I collared him, - that we went across the road, where we fell - that Mr Gotobed then came up and knocked him about the head – that he went away, and returned with his party, who found my door open; they knocked, when myself and companions went to them. This was the substance of the policeman's evidence. Fortunately for me I had a most respectable witness, Mr John Bowles, who had no dread of being discharged should the charge not be substantiated, who proved that, about half-past twelve on Friday night, the policeman came up, and, in a very authoritive tone ordered us to move on, - that Mr Crawley put his hand against him and said, "I am against my own door, my good fellow; go about your business; don't interfere with us" – that the policeman then approached us, when Mr Crawley pushed him off the pavement,- that the policeman then collared Mr Crawley, and they went across the road struggling, and when on the footpath they fell; Mr Gotobed picked up Mr Crawley's hat and put it on his head, when the policeman went up to Mr Gotobed and struck him, and that Mr G did not strike the policeman.

Having briefly and truly given the merits above, I shall proceed to consider how your correspondent is borne out in his statement. The event as stated took place about half-past one; it was proved on my part, by most respectable witnesses, viz., Mr. Richard Freeman, builder, Mr Hills, wine and spirit merchant, Mr Bowlers veterinary surgeon and Miss Phillips, to have taken place about half-past twelve, each of whom spoke to the time by some concurrent circumstance; they did not guess at it as the policeman did. My conduct is next censured, it is said, by the decision of the bench. On this point I need only observe the Magistrates did not believe the testimony of Hammond, who swore positively that my friend Gotobed knocked him about, or they could not have considered him "in no way implicated". As to myself, I was either right or wrong; if wrong, the magistrates were

bound, and doubtless would have convicted me; but that I was right is proved by their dismissing the case. I was so conscious of having acted right that I never doubted the result; I did every thing in my power to force out the truth; I even after the defence was closed, consented to Superintendent Foster calling his men to bolster up the case. Your correspondent cannot be much acquainted with what is going on in Ely, or he must have heard of many instances wherein the police have been a little too officious.

Permit me, in conclusion, Mr Editor, to say I have always been an advocate of the police, and am anxious to maintain the majesty of the law; but in me they will never find a sycophant to crouch to the obstrustive exercise of power, which alone, I believe, will hasten the downfall of the police for this Isle.
I remain, Sir, your very obedient servant
Chas. Crawley

November 27 1841

Marriage – On the 16th inst., at St Matthews Church, in Ipswich (by the Rev. J. C. Alderson) John Harlock, Esq., of Ely, to Harriet, third daughter of Mr. C. W. Battley of the former place.

Deaths

On Thursday, the 11th inst., in his 77th year, much and deservedly respected, at his residence, Lynn, Norfolk, Charles, the last surviving son of the late Thomas Page, of Ely.

On Wed., 18th inst., Mary, relict of Mr Wm. Russell, of Ely St Mary's. She survived her husband only 14 days.

On Wed., 18th inst., Mr J Peacock, farmer of Littleport near Ely.

On the 18th inst., at Ely, Mr George Whitrow, late Serjeant-Major in the 3rd Fusiliers Scotch Guards. He was an old veteran in the Peninsular wars; his latter years were happily spent at Ely, where he was much respected for integrity and good conduct – few men more so.

On Sunday last, at Witcham, near Ely, Mr Richard Clay, an opulent farmer, of that place. The deceased was in good health at St Ives market on the Monday preceding.

December 4 1841

Ely Union

Bread and Flour Contracts

The Board of Guardians give notice, that they will, at their weekly meeting at the Union Workhouse, Ely, on Thursday the 16th inst., receive tenders for supplying the said Workhouse and Out-door Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief Districts from 23rd inst., to the 23rd March 1842.

Ely 1841

The Isle of Ely Constabulary Force

A Court of Quarter Sessions was held at Ely on Wednesday last, the 24th inst. A report by the chief constable upon the subject of the Isle Constabulary force having been previously printed and circulated by him amongst the magistracy, this meeting was held, we are informed, principally for the purpose of taking the same into consideration, and but little other business was transacted.

We have been favoured with a sight of the report, and although we are not prepared to say it recommends more than is requisite for the continuance of the force, we are sorry to state that an expenditure is recommended in the erection and providing of other means of lock-up and station-houses, which, added to the ordinary expenses of the force, will be felt as a heavy burden by many of the rate-payers. The chief constable estimates the expence of providing these establishments at £2,777 10s, but calculates upon an annual return of £132 to be received from the constables as rents of the station houses. We understand the Court did not order the whole of these expenses to be immediately incurred, but reserved some portion of the works for further consideration. If, however, the present state of the lock-up houses are described in the report, some responsibility must rest on the magistracy, for the chief constables' words are "if during the ensuing winter any person's life or

health should be endangered by reason of their being confined in the present lock-up houses, I trust after this report the police force will not be considered responsible". No person, therefore, can reasonably expect that much of the above sum can be saved, and as the ordinary expence of the force for twelve months may be fairly calculated at somewhere about £3000, the rate-payers may expect to be called upon to provide (in addition to a rate for general purposes) little less than £6,000, by way of a police rate for the first year, being at the rate of about five pence in the pound upon the present assessment of the isle. The chief constable also recommends the appointment of two additional constables, but it is not decided upon at present.

With such a statement before us, and taking into consideration the condition of the houses of correction for the isle at Wisbech and Ely, and the very heavy expenditure that must shortly be incurred in the necessary alteration of the present or erection of new ones (in either case to the amount of some thousands) we feel that we cannot congratulate the rate-payers upon the present prospects as regards the isle rate.

December 11 1841

Death – on Monday 29th ult., Maria, the eldest daughter of the Rev. Philip Durham, of Ely, in her 22nd year.

The Constabulary Force

To the Editor of the Cambridge Chronicle.

Sir

In reading your journal of Saturday last, I find that for the support of the Constabulary Force of this Isle, it will require rates to the tune of 5d in the pound for the first year, thus costing the rate-payers of Ely upwards of £470 for the services of their policemen – the parishes of Witcham near £70 for the novel sight of seeing a policeman walk through this little village once in 24 hours – the parishes of Littleport and Haddenham about £250 each.

In the latter places for some time previous to the introduction of the rurals, one policeman sufficed for each place, at the expence of about one guinea per week and clothes, who, being under the control of the principal rate-payers, maintained the peace and protected the property of the inhabitants of both places much more satisfactorily then the rurals do; for instance great complaints have been made by all parties as to the disorderly and disgraceful state of the streets in Littleport, and is it not reasonable that officers who act under the control and sanction of the principal inhabitants and rate-payers should much more effectively perform their duty than under the control of superintendent Foster, who is necessarily unacquainted with the habits and manners of the inhabitants of this part of the Isle? Surely, these circumstances will weigh with those who are to judge whether the benefits to be received from the police are at all adequate to the enormous amount required for its support.

A Rate payer.

Floods

The late rains have caused the water in this neighbourhood to be higher than it has been known for the last fourteen years, and the Fens in many parts are quite bright. Fears were entertained that some of the banks would break, but fortunately they have all stood firm: in some places the waters were kept out by scraging.

Robbery

On Tuesday night last some thieves broke into the out-house of Mr Daniel Jones, of Downham, near Ely, and stole thereout half a score fat Turkeys.

Sheep Stealing

One Wed. night last some persons slaughtered a sheep belonging to Mr Wm. Beecroft, in a close near the Raven's Fen Close, and carried away the greater part of the carcass, and afterwards flung part of the skin and the feet into King's Pond, which lies near the middle of the town, in one of the principal thoroughfares.

December 18 1841

Isleham Fen

We are sorry to hear that a bank connected with Isleham Fen gave way during the present week, in consequence of the immense floods of the last month. A very large quantity of land is under water through this incident to a considerable depth.

To the Rate-payers of the Isle of Ely

The Chief Constable of the Constabulary Force has made his first quarterly report, and in addition to the present expenditure he recommends a further outlay of no less a sum of £2,777 10s. This is the thin, but I think rather sharp end of the first wedge; but it will be driven home by degrees, and with increased expense at every blow. You should petition the Secretary of State, then, immediately to withdraw the force; if you delay you will be told that you are "too late" – you should have been sooner" – you are "quite out of order" in your application; for when the system is once fully established no one can foresee the extent of expense to which you will become liable. You may safely and truly state that such a force cannot afford efficient protection even if you required it, that it is totally inapplicable to such a locality as the Isle of Ely; that the expense of supporting it presses extremely heavy on the rate-payer, and that you do not enjoy a single benefit in return which you could not obtain by other means at one-sixth of the expense. Most of you as agriculturists have passed through periods of bitter adversity and the years 1834 and 1835 must be fresh in the memory of you all. Powerful and untiring enemies are at work, and will, if possible, by reducing the value of your produce, deprive you of the fair advantages you have lately enjoyed; but to which your toil, industry and employment of capital so justly entitle you; but if these unnecessary expenses are allowed to continue, the little profits which should benefit yourselves and families, will be taken from you.

I expect this address will bring a hornet's nest about my ears, but I prefer their buzzing or even stinging to concealment, I shall therefore say "Petition, Petition, Petition," and subscribe myself, your obedient servant

Charles Culledge. Dec 13

December 24 1841

Ely, Valuable Fen Farm

To Be Sold by Auction by C. Legge & son

At the Lamb Inn, in Ely, January next

A Compact Farm in Burnt fen, in Ely, now in the occupation of Wm. Layton Esq., comprising about 200 Acres of Land,. The above Farm is held under a lease from the See of Ely, for 21 years from Michaelmas last.

Further particulars will be given or may be obtained from Messrs Evans and Son, Solicitors, Ely.

Fatal Accident

On Friday afternoon, as Thomas Taylor of Littleport, was returning home from Ely, having been with some corn, he was incautiously standing upon the waggon shafts driving, when about half a mile on the road he fell, and the two wheels passing over his body he died in the course of three minutes, leaving a young widow and two small children to lament their sudden bereavement.

Robberies

On Saturday night some thieves entered an out-house belonging to Robert Eaves, boat builder, situate in Babylon, which is that part of Ely on the east side of the river, and stole therefrom a quantity of fowls.

On the same night Mr Henry Parsons, whose premises are situate in the same part, had a similar loss.

Also, on the same night, Robert Martin Esq., of this city, had one of his sheep slaughtered in a ground adjoining the road leading to Witchford, and part of it carried away and part left upon the land.

Organist
Mr Second, organist of the Chapel of Ease, in this town, (Wisbech) was on Wed. se'nnight elected unanimously organist of Egham. Although we cannot but congratulate this gentleman on his honourable appointment we regret his departure for the efforts he has constantly made to improve the musical taste of the town, and which his laten concert abundantly proved: in entering upon his new situation he will carry with him the universal respect and esteem of the town.

Ely Chronicle 1842

January 1 1842
Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at the Sessions House in Wisbech, in the said Isle, on Wednesday 5th January next, at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, at which hour the chair will be taken; and all Jurors, Constables, and Parties bound by recognizance, and others having occasion to attend, are requested to give their attendance accordingly.

And notice is also hereby given, that the business relating to the Constabulary Force of the Isle, auditing the Accounts for half-year ending on the 31st December inst., and laying a Police rate towards defraying the expenses of the said Force, will commence and be transacted immediately after the Grand Jury are sworn and charged.

The Justices Clerks are requested to send their several Depositions and recognizances to the Office of the Clerk of the Peace, Wisbech, on or before the Saturday preceding.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace
Dec. 31st 1841

Haddenham
On Thursday and Friday se'nnight, the Earl of Hardwicke held his tithe right at this place. The members of the Musical Society last week gave several performances, much to the gratification of the inhabitants of this village, Wilburton etc.

Ely, Very Desirable
Mercantile Situation
To Merchants, Maltsters and Brewers
To Be Let by Auction.
By C Legge & Son
By direction of the Mortgagees
At the Lamb Inn, Ely, on Thursday 6th January inst., at 6 o'clock, evening subject to such conditions of sale as shall be then and there produced.

The following Valuable and Extensive Property

Lot 1 The Cutter Inn or Public House, as now divided off from the Dwelling House adjoining, with stabling for 14 horses, and other out-buildings; with the use of the yard extending from the Inn to Broad St.
A Lime Kiln with Clunch Lodge adjoining, in the said yard.

Another Dwelling House, in Broad Street at the end of the said yard, with small garden, excellent cellar, Liquor Shop, and out-buildings, being the tap to the Cutter Inn.

Lot 2 A commodious brick Dwelling House as now divided off from the Cutter Inn, with Counting-house and other necessary offices, Yard, Garden, Stables, Coach House, and long store room.

An extensive Malting with a three quarter Steep and large Barley Chamber above it, a Malt-Kiln, Malt-chamber, and Granaries over it, extending the whole length of the building.

A small but convenient Brewery, with store-rooms adjoining, with the yard extending from the Dwelling House to Broad St., subject to the right of useage of the hirer of Lot 1.

The above premises are well worthy the attention of Merchants, Maltsters and Brewers, they are situate at Ansdale Quay in Ely, adjoining the Navigable River Ouze communicating with Cambridge and Lynn, and they are now in hand.

Further particulars may be known from Evans & Son, Solicitors Ely.

Melancholy and Fatal Accident
On Saturday last, John Apsland, aged 7 years, of Downham, in this Isle, was accidently shot in a field at Chettisham, near Ely, by John Taylor, of the same place; it appears both young men were out in company with the deceased's brother, a lad about 12 years of age for the purpose of shooting small birds, when the deceased, on seeing some pigeons, called to his companion who was on the opposite side of the hedge to give him the gun; whilst Taylor was endeavouring to put it through the hedge it went off, the contents passing through the back of the deceased's neck, when he instantly fell, and expired before Taylor could get to him.
January 15 1842
The Quarter Sessions for the Isle of Ely, held at Wisbech, before the Rev. W. G. Townley, chairman, and a full bench of Magistrates. The cases were numerous but of a light character. The Chairman addressing the Jury strongly recommended the rural police to their notice; and pointed out the beneficial workings he had observed both in the Isle of Ely and the county of Norfolk. In persevering in their measures, he said the magistrates would be actuated by every possible regard to economy.

January 22 1842
Brewing Plant, etc. Ely
To Be Sold by Auction
By C Legge & Son
On the premises, near the Cutter Inn, Broad St., Ely
On Tuesday 1st Feb. next at Two o'clock, precisely, unless sooner disposed of by private contract

A Capital Brewing plant, consisting of 13 Barrel Copper, with Furnace, brass cock and fittings, complete. Hot and Cold Liquor pumps, Upper and under backs. Six quarter mash tub, with cast-iron false bottom and mashing machine, three Coolers with brass cocks, Working Vat, Hop back, three cleansing troughs, two new 50 Barrel Vats, with brass cocks, Stages, Spouts, etc.

The above will be sold in such lots as may be agreed on at the time of sale, and for ready money. Further particulars from Auctioneers.

Ely The Christening of the Prince of Wales.
A subscription was set on foot on Wed. for the purpose of raising a fund for the supplying every poor person with a good dinner on the occasion of the Christening of the Prince of Wales.
A sufficient sum has already been collected.

Mechanics Institute
A meeting was held at the National School room, on Thursday evening, for the purpose of forming a Mechanics' Institute in this city, Mr T. Jones, surgeon, was called to the chair, when it was proposed that the meeting do form itself into a society, to be called "The Ely Mechanics' Institute," it was afterwards proposed that a committee of now less then seven persons be appointed to draw up rules and regulations for the same, to be submitted to the next meeting.

The Misses Lowry
Beg to inform the public that their School will recommence on Saturday January 30th 1842.

Burnt Fen First District
Payment of Taxes
Notice is hereby given, that the Commissioners of the said District, did, at an Adjourned Half-yearly meeting, holden at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on 15th April 1841, assess, rate, tax, and charge all and singular the Fen Lands and low grounds within the said district, except as such as lie beyond the Cross bank, with a tax of nine pence per acre, and a gradual acre tax not exceeding one shilling and Six pence per acre, and a further gradual acre tax not exceeding Three shillings per acre on each and every acre of the said Fen Lands, and Low Grounds, and so on in proportion for any less quantity then an acre, and that the said several taxes have been ordered by the said Commissioners to be paid to us, as their receivers at our office in Ely, within the month of February.

And notice is also hereby given, that any person liable to the payment of the said rates and taxes, and omitting to pay the same to us for twenty days from the twenty eighth day of the said month of February, will forfeit and be required to pay to the said Commissioners by way of penalty for every such omission, the sum of Three shillings and Four-pence for every Twenty shillings of the said rates and taxes which shall be so in arrear and unpaid, and so in proportion for any less sum than Twenty shillings.
Dated this day 13th February 1842
T & G Archer
Clerks and Receivers to the said Commissioners.

Burnt Fen First District
Proposed New Steam Engine
We, the undersigned Commissioners of Drainage, acting in execution of the several Acts of Parliament now in force for the drainage of the above District, hereby appoint a Meeting of the Commissioners of the said District, to be holden at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Thursday, the third of February next at Twelve o'clock at noon precisely to take into consideration the propriety of erecting an additional Steam Engine, for the more secure drainage of the said district.
Dated this 13th day of January 1842

George Hall Thos. Saberton
John Seaber Chas. Moseley

Wm Luddington	S Shilliton
Joseph Little	Fredk Edwards
Smith Flanders	Wm Johnson
Wm Saberton	

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of the above appointment, a special Meeting of the Commissioners of the said First District will be held at the time and place above mentioned, for the purpose stated in the said apportionment.
Dated this 15th day of January, 1842
T & G Archer
Clerk to the said Commissioners
January 29 1842
February 5 1842
Lime Kiln at Ely
To Be Let, with immediate possession, apply to
Mr. Spencer, Cutter Inn.

Mr. George Davies, of Ely, was elected to be the new organist of the Chapel of Ease at Wisbech.
February 12 1842
February 19 1842
Isle of Ely Adjourned Sessions
Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely will be holden, by adjournment at the George Inn, in Chatteris, in the said Isle, on Friday 25th February inst., at twelve o'clock at noon, on which day and at which hour the business relating to the Valuation of the Parishes, Hamlets, and other places within the Isle, recently made by Messrs Wright and Jones, and to the future Assessment and Application or management of the Public Stock or Rates of the Isle for general purposes will commence, and be done in Open Court, and, after such business is disposed of, the business relating to the Constabulary Force of the Isle, and laying a Police-rate, towards defraying the expenses of the said Force, will begin and be transacted in Open Court.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech, 9th Feb. 1842

February 26 1842
Ely Union
Election of Guardians of the Poor
I, William Marshall, the younger, Clerk of the Ely Union, do hereby give notice-

That the number of Guardians of the Poor to be elected for the Parishes in the said Union is as follows:-

Name of Parish	No of Guardians	Name of Parish	No of Guardians
Ely Trinity	6	Stretham	1
Ely St Mary	3	Wilburton	1
Littleport	3	Mepal	1
Downham	2	Witcham	1
Witchford	1	Coveney	1
Haddenham	2	Wentworth	1
Sutton	2	Thetford	1

That any person not otherwise disqualified by law who shall be rated to the Poor-rate in any parish in the said Union in respect of hereditaments of the annual value or rental of £20 is qualified to

become a candidate for the Office of Guardian at the said Election.

That any rate-payer who shall have been rated to the poor-rate in any parish in the said Union, for the whole year immediately receding his voting, and shall have paid the parochial rates and assessments made and assessed on him for one whole year, as well as those due from him at the time of voting, excepting those which have been made or become due within six months immediately preceding such voting, will be entitled, on the election of Guardians for the said parish, to the number of votes following (that is to say)

If he be rated at any sum under £200, he will have one vote
If he be rated at £200 but under £400 he will have two votes
And if he be rated at £400 or more he will have three votes.

And that any owner of rateable property situate within the said parish, who shall have given to the Overseers thereof, previous to the day on which he shall claim to vote, a statement in writing of his name and address, and the description of property in the parish, as owner whereof he claims to vote, will be entitled to have the number of votes at the election of the Guardians for the said parish as follows, (that is to say) if the aggregate amount of the assessment, for the time being of any property belonging to such owner in such parish, or on any such person or persons in respect of the same to the poor-rate shall not amount to £50, he will have one vote.

If the same shall amount to £50, and not to £75 he will have two votes
If the same shall amount to £75, and not to £100 he will have three votes
If the same shall amount to £100, and not to £125 he will have four votes
if the same shall amount to £125, and not to £150 he will have five votes
If the same shall amount to £150 or upwards he will have six votes

Any owner of such property may, by writing under his hand appoint any person to vote as his proxy, but such proxy must previous to the day on which he shall claim to vote, give to one of the Overseers of such parish, a statement in writing of his own name and address, and also the name and address of the owner appointing him such proxy, and a description of the property as proxy to the owner whereof he claims to vote, and also an original or attested copy of the writing appointing him such proxy.

The forms which may be followed by owners of property in appointing proxies and by such proxies in making their claims, may be had by such owners on application to me.

That the last day on which nominations can be received is Thursday 10th March next, nominations of Guardians must be made according to the form prescribed by the Poor-Law Commissioners, printed copies of which form may be had on application to me, or to Mr Joseph Wright, Relieving Officer, Haddenham, and must be sent or delivered to me at my office in Ely, so as to reach my hands on the said 10th day of March at the latest, or they will be rejected.

That I shall, if more than the above-mentioned number of Guardians shall be nominated for any parish, cause Voting Papers to be delivered on Monday 21st March next, to the address in the parish of each rate-payer owner and proxy qualified to vote, which Voting Papers will contain full instructions as to the mode of voting; and that on Wed. 23rd March, I shall cause such Voting Papers to be collected.

That on Friday, 25th March next I shall attend at the Board Room, in the New Union Workhouse in Ely, at the hour of nine in the morning, and that I shall on that, and if necessary, the following says, proceed to ascertain the number of votes given for each candidate.

Given under my hand this twenty-fourth day of February 1842
Wm Marshall, jun.

Clerk to the Guardians of the Poor of the Ely Union.

March 5 1842
Growing Crops of Rods
Near Ely
To Be Sold by Auction, by Matthew Scott
At the White Hart Inn, Ely, Thursday next 10th March, 1842
The following Capital and very Valuable
Growing Crops of Rods
Situate in the Padnal side of Waterden, near the
River Ouze and Turbetsea "Jolly Anglers."
Lot 1 One Acres of Rods, abutting upon the old river, in two pieces, a ditch dividing them, principally "New Kind" and a few "Welch".

Lot 2 1A 2R or more or less of ditto, Middle Piece and abutting upon the drove. "New Kind".

Lot 3 2A 2R of ditto, Lower side and abutting upon the drove "New Kind and French"

The lots are very convenient for water and other carriage.
Sale to commence at Six o'clock in the evening
For Ready Money
Mr James Cross of the Jolly Anglers, Turbetsea will shew the lots any time.

Ely Union Contracts
The Board of Guardians of the above Union, give notice that they will, at their Weekly Meeting at the Union Workhouse in Ely, on Thursday 17th inst., receive tenders for supplying the said workhouse and the Out-door Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham relief Districts with the following Articles, from 24th inst., to the 22nd June next.

Good thirds Flour, at per stone
Bread made of same quality of flour (24 hours old) at per 4lb Loaf.

To be delivered at the said Workhouse at such times and in such quantities, as the Board of guardians shall order, and to be supplied to the paupers in every parish, in such quantities as shall be expressed in Tickets issued by the Relieving Officer.

N.B. Each Tender must be for supplying One Relief District at least.
They are also desirous of contracting, from the said 24th inst., to the 21 Sept next, for such quantities of the undermentioned articles as may from time to time be required at the said Workhouse, for the use of the Union (viz)
Provisions etc
Beef without bone, Mutton, and Suet, at per stone
Cheese and Rice, at per cwt
Hard yellow soap, Salt, moist sugar, Oatmeal, and Soda at per stone
Butter, Tea, and dip Candles, at per lb.
Peas, at per coomb; Ale and Milk, at per gal
Coals, at per ton; Turf at per 1,000
Port Wine and Best British Brandy, at per pint
Clothing etc
Fustian for Boys Suits, at per piece
Strong Grey Army Cloth, for Old Men's Suits and Twilled
Calico for lining the same, at per yard.
Men's and Boys' strong Dowlas shirts at per yard
Bed Ticking and Sheeting, at per yard.

Mens' Womens' Boys' and Girls' ankle shoes and strong
Knitted Worsted stockings, at per pair; Worsted, at per lb
Cocoa-nut Fibre, at per cwt.
Flannel, Hemp, calico, and Chambry at per yard

Sealed Tenders indorsed "Tender for Flour" or as the case may be, to be sent to me (free of expense) and samples must be produced at the Meeting.

Tenders for Bread and Flour must be delivered at my office the night previous to the Meeting, otherwise they will not be received. Other Tenders may be delivered on or before 9 a.m. of the 17th inst.

The Relieving Officers have strict orders to settle with the Contractors every week.

Contractors to give such security for the performance of their contract as the Board may require; but the Guardians do not pledge themselves to accept the lowest, or any of the Tenders.

N.B. All persons having any demands upon the above union, are requested to send their bills to me, on or before 1st April next, containing full particulars of articles furnished, or work done, under the orders of the Board, up to and including the 23 inst. accompanied by the orders themselves.
By Order of the Board
William Marshall, jun, Clerk.

Adjourned Sessions
An adjourned quarter sessions for the Isle of Ely, was held at Chatteris on Friday 26th ult., and attended by a large number of magistrates. The valuation of the several parishes and other places throughout the Isle made by Messrs. Wright and Jones with a view to the future assessment for the Isle rate was fully considered, and several deputations heard against it; but it was finally agreed by the Court that it should be adopted, subject to a general reduction of 10 per cent, and a rate of one penny in the pound upon such reduced valuation was then laid for the general purposes of the Isle, and a like rate of a penny as a police rate. The Court ordered that a piece of land containing 2 acres, situate in Gaol Lane, Wisbech, should be purchased as a site for the erection of a new sessions house and house of correction, the present house of correction having been reported by a government inspector wholly insufficient in its present state for the proper classification of prisoners and totally incapable of sufficient alteration to effect the required improvements.

Upon taking into consideration the subject of the Isle constabulary Force, a representation was directed to be made to the Secretary of State for the home department, requesting his sanction to the appointment of two additional constables and the removal of the head quarters of the force from Chatteris to March. An adjourned session for the trial of prisoners to be held at Wisbech on the 16th inst.
March 12 1842
March 19 1842
Adjourned Quarter Sessions
For the trial of prisoners held at Wisbech Wed. last.

William Shields, aged 14, charged with stealing a pair of skates and straps, on 13th January, from Wm. Haylock Ely. Guilty two days imprisonment.

John Hall aged 48, pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing a quantity of reeds, at Ely on 14th Feb. – 14 days imprisonment and hard labour.

Charles Lovel, aged 18, charged with stealing a quantity of coals at Ely, on 24th February, guilty, 6 weeks imprisonment and hard labour.
March 26 1842

April 2 1842
Welney Charity
Lands and Fishery
To Be Let by Auction, in lots for the term of one year
from 6th April 1842, at the Vestry room in Welney on
Mon. 4th day April, at Eleven in the forenoon.
466 Acres of Land lying in Welney and Littleport, and the Fishery belonging thereto. Rents to be paid in advance.

April 9 1842
Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions
Held at Ely on Wednesday last 6th inst., before the Rev. Henry Fardell, chairman and a full bench of Magistrates.

The Chairman in his address to the Grand Jury, made some remarks upon the heavy expenses it would be necessary to incur in the erection of a New Court House and House of Correction at Wisbech, and the alteration and enlargement of the present House of Correction at Ely; and stated that, although such expense had become unavoidable from the inefficiency of the present houses, it was the determination of the Magistrates to keep the amount of the expenditure as low as, under the circumstances, could be made sufficient to answer the present requirements of the Isle, and that it would be made to extend over a period of 20 years, being the longest term the Act would allow for the repayment of any sum that might be borrowed for the purpose.

In consequence of an adjourned session for the trial of prisoners having been held at Wisbech, so recently as 16th March last; the calendar at the Sessions was (as will be seen) very light.

Sarah Bowers (21) charged with stealing a sovereign, at Chatteris No true bill.

Wm. Bree (15) pleaded guilty of stealing a pair of boots, at Wisbech – Three months' hard labour.

John Neal (32) pleaded guilty to stealing a deal, at Whittlesey – One months' hard labour at Ely

Thomas Smith (17) pleaded guilty of stealing a pair of shoes at Ely Trinity. Three months hard labour at Ely.

Clare Cook was called on his recognizance to appear and answer any indictment which might be preferred against him for assault, but the prosecutrix not appearing he was discharged.

Dicken Ufffendell against whom articles of the peace were exhibited by Hannah Uffendell, his wife, was ordered to enter into his own recognizance in the sum of £20, and two sureties in £10 each to keep the peace for 12 months, and such recognizances being entered into in open court, he was discharged.

Ely Petty Sessions

Edward Dimmock, apprehended by P.C. Hudson, charged with creating a disturbance and being drunk at Stretham. Allowed to depart on paying the expenses.

Robert Cawthorne apprehended by P. C. Stinson, charged with assaulting his sister at Clay Way – Settled by paying the expenses.

John Vaughan, apprehended by P. C. Lees, charged with wandering about the streets of Ely, refusing to give an account of himself, and having in his possession a quantity of lead, supposed to have been stolen. Admonished and discharged.

Susan Shields and Mary Warner, prostitutes, Ely, apprehended by P.S. Chambers, charged with stealing 25s. from a man unknowns. Dismissed.

Samuel Mason, Witcham charged by P. C. Mullet with being drunk and disorderly in the public street. Discharged on payment of expenses.

Edward Morton, Littleport, on summons, charged with riding in a wagon drawn by three horses without reins etc. Offence proved by P. C. Copperthwaite. Fined 1s. and costs.
Henry Irons, Littleport, apprehended by P. C. Saunders, charged with wilfully obstructing the footpath. Fined 40s and costs.
Richard Long, Downham, charged with being drunk in the street, offence proved by P.C. Shildrick. Fined 5s and costs.

Henry Irons, Littleport, apprehended by P. C. Saunders, charged with wilfully obstructing the footpath. Fined 40s. and costs.

Richard Long, Downham, charged with being drunk in the street, offence proved by P. C. Shildrick. Fined 5s. and costs.

John Page, John Hancock, William Coatman, apprehended by P.S. Chambers, charged by Mrs Eburn Ely, with breaking and injuring part of a wall belonging to her dwelling-house. Settled out of court.
Joseph Pope, Stretham, labourer, charged with being drunk and using bad language in the street. Fined 5. and costs.

John McGennis, apprehended by P. C. Shildrick, at Downham, charged with absconding from his masters' service. Discharged on promise of amendment.

John Willson, Downham, labourer, charged with being drunk in the street. Discharged on payment of costs.

Etches Crawley, Downham – licensed victualler, appeared to answer a charge of keeping his house open during divine service. Admitted the offence, but from the good character the house received from the police he was fined only 1s. and costs.

Sarah Rayner, beer retailer, Downham, appeared to answer a similar offence. It being her third appearance the magistrates inflicted the highest penalty. 40s. and costs.

George Finch, blacksmith, Ely, charged with committing two assaults – 1st on his mother-in-law, Mrs Finch of the Chequers public house – fined 1s and costs, and bound over to keep the peace for six months. 2nd on Ann Harper – fined 10s and costs.

April 16 1842
To Be Let, and entered upon at Lady-day or Michaelmas next.
The Old Established Inn and Posting House
The Lamb Inn, at Ely
Rent moderate, Capital required from £1,500 to £1,800.
Eight Acres of superior Pasture land may be had with it.
The Tenant is restricted only to Malt Liquor
For further particulars enquire of the present Tenant
Mr Beecroft, or of Wm. and John Harlock, Ely.

Courts
Of the Rev. the Dean and Chapter of Ely
The Spring Courts of the Rev. the Dean and Chapter of Ely,
Will be holden as under
In the Isle of Ely
For the Manor of Sutton, on Monday 25th April, inst
For the Manor of Mepal, on Tuesday, 26th April, inst
For the Manor of Ely Porta, on Wed., 27th April inst
For the Manors of Witcham and Wentworth, on Friday 29th April, inst
For the Manor of Witchford, on Saturday 30th April inst.

Death – On the 11th inst., at Woodhouse, Ely, Anne the beloved and only daughter of William Layton, Esq., whose amiable and promising qualities endeared her to all who knew her.
April 23 1842

Padnal and Waterden Fens
A Meeting of the Commissioners for the Drainage of the above Fens, will be held at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Tuesday 26th April inst., at 12 o'clock noon, pursuant to adjournment from the last meeting.
Thomas Archer
Clerk to the Commissioners

Isle of Ely Gaols
Ely, April 21, 1842
Sir
Some late proceedings in the Isle of Ely have just come to my knowledge, and induce me to trouble you with a few lines, as they ought, I think, to be brought before the county and especially submitted to the consideration of the rate-payers of the Isle of Ely. There have been, I understand, from time immemorial, two gaols in the Isle, one at Wisbech and one at Ely. The gaol of Wisbech has, I believe, been kept up hitherto at the expence of the isle, and that at Ely by the Bishop of Ely, as Curtos Rotulorum; besides this there is a house of correction, built at Ely a few years ago at the expence of the Isle also. It is now necessary to enlarge this house of correction, and plans have been made and contracts entered into for this purpose, in consequence of directions from the Home office; and such enlargement is highly desirable, and as Mr Basevi is the architect, I have no doubt of the alterations being judicious and effectual.

I now come to the state of the Gaol at Wisbech. It appears that there is a very fair Court-house there, but the gaol is very insufficient, and in the present situation of the Court-house, there is not room to enlarge the gaol.

Under these circumstances, I understand that the Magistrates of the Isle have purchased a piece of land near the town, and propose to expend the large sum of £10,000 or £12,000 in building a new gaol and Court-house. Now, I understand that if a new gaol was not required, there could be no ground whatever for a new Court-house, and consequently the whole sum might be saved to the County.

Now, what necessity is there for having two gaols for the Isle of Ely?

The Isle of Ely contains, I believe, about 60,000 inhabitants, and is a tolerably compact division; and I cannot conceive why one gaol should not suffice for such a district.

The West Riding of Yorkshire contains about a million of inhabitants and has only one gaol viz., that of Wakefield.

The Magistrates of the West Riding have lately had to decide on the expenditure of a very large sum in altering and enlarging the house of correction at that place; and in the consideration of their improvements they went very fully and with great deliberation into the whole subject, and became convinced that the expense of taking the prisoners to the eight different towns in which quarter sessions are held in the West Riding of Yorkshire was not for a moment to be compared to the expense of a double establishment of jailer, turnkeys, matron, etc., and all the officers connected with the house of correction.

These facts apply with much greater force to the Isle of Ely, where quarter sessions are held in two places only, and whereas in Yorkshire it was a serious consideration whether a house of correction for several hundred prisoners was more desirable then two for half the number.

There can be no doubt that, in the Isle of Ely, you will ensure better separation, superior officers, and fuller inspection by one gaol at Ely, rather than by one at Ely and one at Wisbech.
A Fen Proprietor in the Neighbourhood of Wisbech.
April 23 1842

To Brickmakers, Lime-Burners, and others
Burnt Fen First District, Near Ely
Persons desirous of supplying the Commissioners for the Drainage of the above District with Bricks or Lime, to be used in the erection of a Steam Drainage Engine, on the bank of the River Lark, near Miles-End, in Ely, are requested to forward tenders, in writing to Messrs T & G Archer at Ely, stating the price of each description of bricks at per thousand, and the price of the lime at per bushel; the same to be delivered, free of expense, on the bank of the River Lark, in front of the site of the building, and in such quantities, and at such times during the progress of the work, as the Superintendent to the Commissioners shall direct. The Bricks being required for the purpose of drainage will be all duty free, and must be stamped accordingly. The quantity required will be from 50 to 100 thousand, but no part of them will be required to be delivered before the second week in June next.

Part of the lime will be required immediately. The Tenders are to be forwarded before the 4th of May, and will be opened and decided upon by the Commissioners, at the office of their Clerks in Ely, on Thursday, 5th May next; but the Commissioners do not bind themselves to accept the lowest tenders.
T & G Archer
Clerks to the Commissioners
Ely April 21st 1842

April 30 1842
Outrageous assault by a drunken policeman.
Edward Binge, James Meeks, James Murfitt, and Wm. Newman, all of Sutton, appeared before the Magistrates at Ely, on Thursday last, to answer to a charge made by Police constable Mullett, of the Isle of Ely constabulary force, for being drunk and disorderly on the streets of Sutton on Saturday last. The policeman told a very sorry tale, which was unsupported by a single witness.

On the part of the defendants it was proved by Mr. J Custance, High Constable of the Hundred of Witchford, that the greatest excitement prevailed in the town on Saturday evening, occasioned by the policeman beating Binge; he went into the street where Mullett was with his cutlass drawn, shaking it over the heads of the people; he went up and said – "Mullett, good God, what are you after? You will murder some one." Mr Read, the overseer, proved that shortly before the riot he saw Mullett drunk and in a very indecent state. Mr. J Hinson saw Binge and P. C. Mullett go up the street; they were both drunk; saw Mullett take out his bludgeon and knock Binge down and strike him violently about the head, thighs and shins, put the hand cuffs on him and drag him down the street. Benstead a labouring man, heard the policeman threaten to put Binge in the Lock-up. Binge said he would go home if Mullett would let him, and if he wanted him to pay anything he would do so, Mullett knocked him down and beat him brutally about the head and body. The Magistrate here stopped the defendants witnesses, and dismissed the case, leaving the policeman in Captain Hampton's hands, who, it is understood, has discharged him from the force. Binge appeared with a cut more than two inches and a half long on his forehead, and his head very much bruised; he was assisted by two men and produced the surgeon's certificate, which stated the nature of his wounds, and that he was delirious all the next day. The witness Benstead's wife, who was previously well, and saw the affray, died about forty hours after in a fit of apoplexy, which in the Surgeon's opinion was brought on by the alarm occasioned by the policeman beating Binge.

Isle of Ely Gaols
To the Editor of the Cambridge Chronicle.
Ely April 23rd 1842
Sir
In my letter of the 21st I omitted in the hurry of business in which I was then engaged, one or two things which it may be necessary to state in order to explain my meaning more fully.

I by no means propose to do away with the Quarter Sessions either at Ely or Wisbech, but that the prisoners should be sent from Ely to Wisbech to be tried, and kept there in the present goal, which will, I imagine, be quite sufficient for such a temporary purpose, or for temporary confinement at other times before their transmissions to Ely. For this purpose it might probably be under the care of the constabulary force; though not being acquainted with the exact circumstances of the Wisbech gaol, I merely throw this out as a suggestion. The constabulary force would, in the transmission of prisoners, save a very large proportion of the expense which would otherwise arise from that source; and in this respect the Isle of Ely would have an advantage over the West Riding of Yorkshire, which has no constabulary force. One other reason against increasing both the gaols in the Isle is, that at present the prisoners tried at the Assizes are all sent to Cambridge, whereas formerly they were retained at Ely and Wisbech to be tried by the Judge appointed by the Bishop of Ely. But the most important part is the saving of expenses – I calculate it at not much less than £1,000 a year.

1st The interest of £10,000 or £12, 000 for the new building at Wisbech – viz: £500 or £600 a year; end, 2nd as much more, I should think for the additional set of officers – gaoler, chaplain, matron, turnkeys.

The rural police, the expense of which appears so heavy to the Isle, amounts, I understand, only to about £3,000 from this I hope and believe good arises; but I am at a loss to discover what good can arise from two gaols: - on the contrary, (as I said last week), that better separation, better inspection, with better paid, and therefore superior officers, will arise from there being one gaol.
A Fen proprietor in the Neighbourhood of Wisbech.
May 7 1842
May 14 1842
To Wheelwrights and Inclosure Contractors for Fencing
The sale in Ely, Padnal, of Prime Ash, Elm, and Poplar Poles, Willow Lop, Pollards, Fagots and Legwood, lately postponed, will positively take place, by Auction, by C. M. Bidwell, on Tuesday, next, 17th May, in convenient lots, the property of John Hall Esq.,

Isle of Ely (to wit)
Notice is hereby given, that at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace holden in Ely, in and for the said Isle, on Wed., 6th day of April, 1842, a presentment was made by seven of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, acting in and for the said Isle, and laid before the Court, of which the following is a copy, viz-
Isle of Ely
"We the undersigned being seven of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting in and for the said Isle of Ely, in the County of Cambridge, do hereby present that the Houses of Correction at Ely and Wisbech, in and for the said Isle are insufficient and inadequate to give effect to the rates and regulations prescribed by an Act of Parliament passed in the fourth year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the Fourth intituled, "An Act for consolidating and amending the laws relating to the building, repairing, and regulating of certain Gaols and Houses of Correction in England and Wales;" and that there is a necessity for enlarging and improving the said House of Correction at Ely, and for pulling down the said House of Correction at Wisbech and erecting a new House of Correction upon a new sight at Wisbech aforesaid; and that the Court of Justice at Wisbech aforesaid, is so attached to the said House of Correction there, that it will be inconvenient to improve and rebuild the said last mentioned House of Correction without pulling down also the said Court of Justice and removing and attaching the same to or near to the said new House of Correction there.
Witness our hands this sixth day of April, 1842
Signed "Henry Fardell, Chairman

"Wm Gale Townley	"G Millers
"George Peacock	"Tycho Wing

"J. H. Sparke "Steed Girdlestone"

And notice is hereby also given, that it is the intention of the Justices assembled at the next ensuing General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Wisbech, in and for the said Isle on Wed., 29th June next, or at some adjournment thereof, to take the said presentment into consideration and to pass and make such Resolutions and Orders thereon, and to take such measures in relation thereto as shall appear to them to be requisite and proper
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech, May 18th 1842.
May 28 1842
Marriage – On Tuesday week at St Mary's Lambeth, Mr George Cole, surgeon, of Ely, to Eliza, only daughter of Mr James Farmer Wade, of the former place.

Death – On Sunday last, aged 72, Mary Haylock, St. Mary's St., Ely relict of the late Mr Lavender Haylock. She had been a great sufferer for many years.
June 4 1842
Ely Union
School Master Wanted
The Guardians of the above Union hereby give Notice that, at their Weekly Meeting, at the Board room, in Ely, on Thursday 16th inst., they will proceed to the Election of a Schoolmaster, whose duty will consist in a punctual attendance at the Union Workhouse twice a day, (excepting Sundays) for the purpose of Instructing the Boys in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.
School hours from 9 to 12 a. m. and from 2 to 5 p.m.
The successful candidate will be required to reside in the town as no accommodations exist for his reception in the Workhouse.
Salary £30 per annum, payable quarterly.
Candidates must attend personally at the Board Room on the day of Election, and be prepared with testimonials of good moral character and general fitness for the office, but the Guardians do not pledge themselves to elect any of the Candidates.
By Order of the Board
Wm Marshall, jun., Clerk
Ely June 2nd 1842

Death – On Friday, 27th May, after a lingering illness, the infant son of Mr Moseley, New Barnes, Ely.
June 11 1842
Death – On Monday last, aged 68 years, Mr Wm. Kempton, senior lay clerk of Ely Cathedral, which situation he filled 36 years.

The Prisons of the Isle
We beg to direct the attention of the Rate-payers of the Isle of Ely to a very important memorial, (to be found in our advertising columns) which was adopted at a Vestry Meeting of the parishioners of the Holy Trinity, in Ely, on the subject of certain very extensive alterations contemplated in the prisons of the Isle. We learn that a similar memorial will be adopted by a great many other parishes.

Parish of Holy Trinity, Ely
Notice is hereby given, that at an adjourned Monthly Meeting of the Gas Inspectors (acting for such of the Streets and Places, of the above parish as have adopted the provisions of the 3rd and 4th William IV cap 90, for the Lighting and Watching of Parishes in England and Wales) will be holden at the Shire Hall, in Ely, on Monday 27th instant, at Twelve o'clock in the Forenoon, it is their

intention to enter into a contract for further Lighting such Streets and Places with coal gas, for the term of three years, commencing on the 15th August next.

And Notice is hereby further given, that any person willing to undertake the same may make proposals for that purpose at the aforesaid Meeting.
By Order of the Inspectors
Wm. Marshall, Clerk
Ely June 8th 1842

Parish of Holy Trinity Ely
At a Vestry Meeting held this day (pursuant to notice duly given,) the following Memorial to the Magistrates of the Isle of Ely, on the subject of the contemplated Alterations in the Prisons of the Isle at Ely and Wisbech, was unanimously greed to, and will lie at the offices of Messrs Marshall, at Ely, for signature, from Saturday the 11th until Thursday 16th inst., (both days inclusive); and it was further resolved that the same, when signed, should be confined to the care of Wm Layton, Esq., for Presentation at the next General Quarter Sessions:-

"To the Justices of the Peace acting for the Isle of Ely, assembled at their General Quarter Sessions, holden at Wisbech on the 29th June, 1842.

"The respectful Memorialists of the undersigned Rate-Payers of the Parish of the Holy Trinity, in Ely, in the said Isle,

"Sheweth – That your Memorialists are officially informed by a public advertisement, signed by the Clerk of the Peace, that a Presentment, under the hands of seven Justices, was made at the last General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, holden at Ely, in April last, to the effect that the Houses of Correction at Ely and Wisbech are insufficient and inadequate to give effect to the rules and regulations prescribed by the 4th George IV, cap 64, and that there is a necessity for enlarging and improving the said House of Correction at Ely, and for pulling down the said House of Correction at Wisbech, together with the Court of Justice attached thererto, and erecting a New House of Correction and Court of Justice upon an entirely new site, at Wisbech aforesaid; and which said Presentment, your Memorialists, further learn from the said advertisement, it is your intention to take into consideration at the present Midsummer Sessions, or at some adjournment of the same, and 'to pass and make such resolutions thereon, and to take such measures in relation thereto, as may appear to you to be requisite and proper'.

"That your Memorialists believe, from the magnitude of the proposed alterations, that a very serious outlay would be required to complete the same.'

"That while your Memorialists are desirous that the Prisons and Public Buildings connected with the administration of Justice in the Isle, should be both commodious and efficient, they nevertheless view with considerable apprehension and alarm the heavy charges which such extensive alterations must entail upon the Isle, especially as the burdens occasioned by the establishment and maintenance of the New Constabulary Force already press with great severity upon your Memorialists.

"That your Memorialists entertain a confident hope and belief that the objects of the said Act of the 4th George IV, cap.64, may be attained by less expensive means than those pointed out in the said Presentment.

"That your Memorialists would respectfully suggest for your consideration, that inasmuch as there already exists a substantial and commodious Court of Justice at Ely, together with ground and space sufficient for very extensive alterations, without the necessity of further purchase, it would be

highly inexpedient to incur the expense of building a New House of Correction and Court of Justice at Wisbech, on a new site; and they would therefore further suggest that, for the reasons above stated, it would be desirable to cause whatever alterations are required by the said Act of Parliament, to be made at Ely, and to allow the Present Court of Justice and House of Correction at Wisbech to remain in their present state, and to be used as heretofore for the joint purposes of the Isle of Ely and borough of Wisbech.

"That by adopting the suggestions of your Memorialists, they are of opinion that the objects of the said Act would be fully attained, while it is certain that considerable expense to your Memorialists (to the extent, at least, of the cost of a new site at Wisbech, and the removal and re-erection of a new Court of Justice there) would be thereby saved.

'Your Memorialists therefore earnestly request your serious attention to this their most respectful Memorial, and that, in coming to a decision on the said Presentment in reference to any alterations in the present prison accommodation of the Isle, the views, suggestions, and representations of your Memorialists may receive your best consideration."
Charles Moseley, Chairman,
Ely June 9th 1842

Ely Union
Bread and Flour Contracts
The Board of Guardians of the above Union give Notice, that they will, at their Weekly Meeting at the Union Workhouse in Ely, Thursday the 16th inst., receive Tenders for supplying the said Workhouse and Out-door Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief Districts with the following articles, from the 23rd inst., to the 21st September next.
Conditions of contract and instructions same as last quarter.

Narrow Escape of Ely Cathedral
From Destruction by Fire.
On Wednesday morning last, about ten minutes before eleven, Mr John Bacon, the master of the works of the magnificent Cathedral of Ely, in company with Mr Southby, the Verger, and Mr Henry Higgins, discovered the high roof over the nave to be on fire.

Mr Bacon instantly directed Mr Higgins to ascend the cathedral and give alarm to the workmen, which he did. Mr Southby apprised the Rev. Wm. Selwyn, the resident canon, of the circumstances, and that gentleman immediately concluded the service, Mr Bacon, in the meantime, running for the engines and alarming the inhabitants, who, with that zeal and activity which has more than once, in trying and dangerous cases, characterised them, speedily got the small engine, which was in admirable order, under the south aisle, and, conducted by Mr Bacon, threw the water to the top of the nave, near 80 feet in height. This, aided by water thrown from above by Mr Marshall Fisher, Mr William Pashler and Mr. Woodcock, speedily subdued the threatening element, and within about 12 or 14 minutes from the time of discovery, the inhabitants, who both male and female exerted themselves almost beyond conception to preserve the Cathedral, were gratified to find all danger at an end. It is scarcely to be doubted that, had not the fire been discovered in its infancy, the entire fabric must have fallen a prey to the devouring flames, as the whole length of the top, 635 feet, is nearly one continued piece of woodwork.

In the afternoon of Wed. an enquiry was made by the Rev. Wm. Selwyn, the Rev. John Ashley, and the Rev. George Millers, as to the origin of the fire, and it is satisfactory to say it was an inevitable

accident. The plumbers being at work repairing the leads on the north side near the tower, had a fire in a nich of the north-east turret, and the wind blowing strongly from the north-east, must have carried a spark of charcoal between the flashing which communicated with the roof. A handbill was issued by the Rev. Wm. Selwyn and the Rev. John Ashley, on behalf of the Dean and Chapter, thanking the inhabitants for the active and willing exertions by which, under God's blessing the fire was so promptly extinguished.

June 18 1842

Sheep Stealing

On Friday night the 10th inst., some person slaughtered a sheep in the close at Beold, belonging to Mr James Evans, and carried away the carcase. A few nights previous two sheep were stolen from the fold of Mr Edward Hills, in Braham field. The police appear to be of little service to the farmer, for the number of sheep stolen since their establishment in the Isle has greatly increased, and the mischievous practice of breaking down fences is more prevalent then before.

Duck Stealing

On Monday night last some persons stole from the hen-house of Mr James Lupson, four ducks. Mr Lupson hearing some one in the yard, got up: the thief took alarm and left the ducks in the street.

Fire

On Tuesday morning about half-past seven, two cottages situate on Back Hill Ely, belonging to Luke Dench, Esq., in the occupation of --- Webb and –-- Mayhew, were discovered to be on fire. In about half an hour, owing to the good supply of water, and the prompt assistance afforded by the inhabitants, the fire was got under. It is said to have been set on fire by children of Webb, who were left alone in the house, playing with lucifer matches, and who narrowly escaped suffocation, as the bed was entirely destroyed, and they were locked in the house.

Thunder Storm

On Tuesday this neighbourhood was visited with a heavy thunderstorm. The house of Mr Daniel Jones, at Downham, was struck by the electric fluid, which carried the top of the chimney into the yard, descended the chimney tearing it all the way down, took the chamber windows and frame quite out, as also the window of the room in which Mrs Jones and her daughter were ironing, who most providentially escaped. Mrs Jones was sitting on a chair leaning forward and engaged in ironing; the lightening shattered the chair, rending the back of the chair completely off. Mrs J. escaping unhurt save a few bruises occasioned by her being struck to the ground.

June 25 1842

Ely, To Brewers and others

A Freehold Public House

To Be Sold by Auction, by Matthew Scott

At the White Hart Inn, on Thursday 30th June, 1842, at seven o'clock in the evening (subject to conditions as will then be produced) in one Lot.

All that Capital Freehold, and well-accustomed Public House, situate in St Marys Parish, Ely, opposite the Shire-Hall, called or known by the name or sign of "William the Fourth", containing three large rooms and a cellar on the ground floor; also three spacious sleeping-rooms; together with a large Yard adjoining the same, and convenient Stables and outbuildings standing thereon.

Further particulars from the Auctioneers or Mr Dench, Solicitor, Ely.

Important Sale of Musical Instruments

And other Elegant Articles

High Street, Ely

To Be Sold by Auction by W Playford

On the Premises, on Thursday next 30th June, 1842

Part of the whole of the extensive Stock in Trade and
Part of the valuable Household Furniture, and other effects,
Of Mr Joseph Warren, Music-seller, High St. Ely, who is about removing to a distant part of the country; comprising Finger organ, Serephine, several elegant Cabinet, Cottage , and Square Piano-Fortes; Bugles, Trumpets, Cornopeans, Flutes, Violins, Accordions, Musical Boxes, etc., etc.

Also a splendid assortment of Work-tables and Boxes, writing-desks, Caddies, Canterbury's, Music-Stools etc. Several handsome glass Cases and many other useful articles.

The whole may be viewed any time before the sale, and Catalogues may be had at place of sale and at Mr Hills, printer, Ely, of the Auctioneer, Soham, and at the principal inns in the neighbourhood.

Manea Isle of Ely
To Millers, Millwrights, Carpenters, Boatwrights and others
Two Water-Mills
Mill wrights' House and Shop, Warehouse and
Two Boats belonging to the Manea, Welney etc.
District Commissioners
To Be Sold By Auction, by Robert Newton.
At the Catherine Wheel Inn, in Manea, on Tuesday 28th June 1842 between the hours of Five and Seven in the evening, subject to such conditions of sale as will then be produced.

Lot 1 All that large Wind Watermill, standing on the Old Bedford Bank, called the Welney Mill (being the mill nearest to Welney) together with the Land on which the same stands.
N. B. This Mill is very capable of being turned into a Corn windmill.
Lot 2 All that other Wind Watermill, called "Moat's Mill", or the Little Mill, also standing on the Old Bedford Bank.
N. B. The Land on which this Mill stands will be sold with it, if so determined upon at the time of sale.
Lot 3 All that Millwright's House, and Shop adjoining the same, with the Land whereon the same stands, situate on the Old Bedford Bank at Purl's Bridge.
Lot 4 All that long Warehouse, also situate on the Old Bedford Bank at Purl's Bridge
This lot to be taken off the land.
Lot 5 All that Large Boat, of 8 Tons burden, belonging to the said Commissioners.
Lot 6 All that other Ditto, of 9 Tons burden.
The above Lots will be sold for Ready Money.

Further particulars of Mr. Richard Sears or Mr Andrew Gunton, Manea.

The Crops
The late heavy thunder showers have beaten down many lots of fen wheat, and where the flag is heavy it is feared they will not recover, and the produce will be deteriorated in consequence. The rain upon the whole has proved most acceptable to all kinds of cropping. Hay making is partially commenced and has been a tedious business, the daily showers of last week having marred the previous days labour.
July 2 1842
Ely – Matthew Scott begs respectfully to inform the inhabitants of Ely, and the public generally that he has received instructions from Captain Booth (who is changing his residence) to offer by Public Auction, all the nearly new and splendid Household Furniture, Piano-forte and effects, at the House now in his occupation, near the Palace Green, St Mary's Street, Ely. Full particulars in future papers.

The very convenient and pleasantly situated premises now in his possession will be Let.

Death – yesterday afternoon, at Ely, aged 60, the Rev. Philip Durham, one of the minor Canons of Ely Cathedral.

Birth – On the 20th ult., at Ely, the lady of the Rev. George Hall, of a daughter.

Isle of Ely Sessions
Just before going to press last night we were compelled to withdraw our report of the Isle of Ely, Sessions.

Haddenham Philharmonic Society
On Tuesday last the anniversary of this society was celebrated at the Red Lion Inn, Haddenham when upwards of 40 gentlemen sat down to a most excellent dinner provided by Mr Charles Porter, the landlord, Mr Henry Porter in the Chair. Upon the cloth being drawn, the usual loyal toasts were given after which the gentlemen of the society favoured the company with several favourite airs. In the evening a ball was opened (in a spacious booth erected for that purpose) with a hornpipe danced in a superior manner by a gentleman from a neighbouring village. The party separated at an early hour, highly delighted with the days conviviality. This society has been established two years and is held in esteem by the neighbourhood.
July 9 1842
Death – On the 5th inst., at Ely, in his 66th year, William Marshall, Esq., Solicitor, of that place.

Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions
Held at Wisbech June 29th 1842
The Rev. Henry Fardell, Chairman
In addressing the Grand Jury, the chairman said that the cases, though numerous, were not of such a nature as to require any particular remarks from him. He briefly alluded to a case of stealing money from a till, and goods from a shop, at Ely; and in conclusion took the opportunity of noticing that an Act of Parliament, called "The Chimney Sweepers' Act" passed on the 7th August 1840, would come into operation on Friday, by which any householder employing a boy to ascend a chimney would be liable to a penalty of £5.
Prisoners

James Knowles pleaded guilty to a charge of having, in May last, left his family chargeable to the parish of Ely Trinity, having been committed on 10th Dec. last for a similar offence. Two months imprisonment and hard labour.

James Evans, of Coveney, charged with similar offence, sentenced to four months' hard labour.

John Fleming, of Bradfield, Suffolk, who had been imprisoned for two years at Ipswich, for uttering base coin, was now charged with a similar offence at Sutton for giving a counterfeit coin in the Black Horse Inn. He was sentenced to 15 years transportation.

Mary Ann Petts, of Ely, indicted for stealing a pair of boots from Wm. Walton on 21st May. Verdict, not guilty.

Charles Baxter, pleaded guilty to stealing a pair of shoes, at Witcham – One months' hard labour.

George Bunn, pleased guilty to stealing a coat at March - Two months' hard labour.

William Thomas Murfitt was indicted for stealing money and goods from William Walton, tailor and Draper of Ely – One week's imprisonment for the first offence; for the second, seven year's transportation.
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John Fleming, of Bradfield, Suffolk, who had been imprisoned for two years at Ipswich, for uttering base coin, Hannah Hopkins, of Sutton, whose father keeps the Black Horse inn, said that, on the 23rd April, prisoner called for a pint of beer, and gave her a shilling, which she said was bad, and he tried to get it away from her: he ran out of the back door into the yard. She sent for a constable, and gave the shilling to him. – Thomas Cave, constable of Sutton, apprehended the prisoner in another public house. Mr Powell, Inspector of the Mint, pronounced the shilling to be counterfeit. John Abbot, butcher, said his door opened in the same yard as the Black Horse Inn: on the following morning he observed a cloth in the yard – saw it many times in the day; about five o'clock he kicked against it and took it up, and found in it some pieces resembling shillings. He now produced them, and Mr Powell said there were eleven, all counterfeit, and cast in the same mould as the one taken by Hannah Hopkins: he pointed out the same defect in all of them on the reverse side. Ellen Merton, whose father keeps the Cross Keys Inn, at Mepal, said prisoner called there for a half pint of ale, and gave her mother a penny; called for another and tobacco and gave her a shilling. She told him it was a bad one; he said it was his pocket-piece, and gave her a sixpence – Verdict guilty. The Chairman in his address to the prisoner, said that, on the authority of Her Majesty's Solicitor of the Mint, the annual amount of counterfeit shillings and sixpences amounted to no less a sum than £300,000. He was sentenced to 15 years transportation.

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William Thomas Murfitt was indicted for stealing money and goods from William Wathen, tailor and Draper of Ely – Sarah Wathen deposed that prisoner was foreman of the tailors, and had lived with her father eight years. On 14th April she was in the kitchen (which is at the back of the shop) against the window, about 14 yards from the till, in a straight line; saw prisoner go to the till, unlock it, and take something out; told her father who had marked some money on Tuesday the 12th. William Wathen, said, prisoner passed by another name, when he signed a receipt for me he signed "Wm. Brown". I placed confidence in him,. He is married, and has four children. He had £1 per week, and an additional £10, per year for the first year and half. From missing, money and other circumstances, I took the advice of my attorney. I marked 2 half-crowns, 13 shillings, and 4 sixpences. I had the key to the till – there was no other – it was not out of my possession: we had a master-key, which we lost three or four years ago, which would open all the tills. On the 18th at night, I missed 2s; I added them one half-crown 7s and one 6d and it was marked: there was no other money but half-pence. I sent for the constable on Thursday: he came, and I said before the prisoner that I had been robbed; and he said "I have not robbed you or been near the till." I insisted 4s more – six shilling marked in all. The constable directed prisoner to turn out his pockets, which he unwillingly did, and he produced six marked shillings as I had marked them. I saw a key, which I told the prisoner was the one I had lost; I tried it, and it opened both tills. Prisoner begged that I would have mercy on him, and he would confess all he had done. I said it had gone to such an extent I could have nothing to do with it. I had consulted friends on the Saturday before, whether I could with propriety discharge him and not prosecute him. John Bacon, constable, corroborated the above evidence, and added that the prosecutor said, "of all men, I least suspected you: and I would give all I am worth it were someone else." Witness produced the shillings, and prosecutor identified them. Verdict guilty. Prisoner exhibited great symptoms of agony on receiving sentence. To the other charges he pleaded guilty.

July 16 1842

Death – On Monday, very suddenly, deeply respected and regretted Mr. Henry N. Williams, for many years assistant of Mr. Wm. Anslow, grocer and druggist, of High Street, Ely. The deceased was in good health on Sunday.

Cricket – March and Downham
This match came off on the March ground on Thursday last, and has proved the superiority of the March players over their opponents.

The batting of Messrs. Ward, Walters and Beeton was first rate, and consequently drew forth applause from the multitude assembled to witness the game, and the bowling of the Messrs Grays and Ward contributed in no small degree towards its successful termination. The gentlemen of the Downham fielded admirably and played with much spirit and good feeling.
July 23 1842
Isle of Ely Auxiliary Bible Society
The anniversary meeting of this society was held at the Sessions House at Wisbech on Wed., 13th inst., Wm. Peckover Esq., in the chair, the Right Hon. Lord Godolphin was appointed president.

To Brewers and others
Three Free and Old-Licenced Public Houses
At Ely and Sutton
To Be Sold by Auction by Charles M. Bidwell.
At the Lamb Inn, Ely, on Thursday, August 11th 1842
at six o'clock in the evening, in Lots.

Lot 1. The Coach and Horses, Broad Street, Ely
Lot 2 The Chequers, near the High Street, Ely
Lots 3 The Crown Inn, Sutton.

The above are in first-rate situations with Capital tenants all well-accustomed and doing an excellent trade. They can be served with beer and spirits immediately.

Further particulars may be known of Frederick F. Franklin Esq., solicitor Attleborough, and Charles M. Bidwell auctioneer, Ely.

Turnpike Road
Leading from Cambridge to Ely, and from thence to Soham, called the South District.
In pursuance of a requisition from two of the Trustees of the said Turnpike road. Notice is hereby given, that a General Meeting of the said Trustees will be holden at the Bell Inn, in Ely, aforesaid, on Saturday 6th of August next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of taking into consideration the state of the Bridge between Stuntney and Soham, and on general business.

Dated this day 21st July, 1842
H. R. Evans, Clerk.
July 30 1842
Property and Income Tax
At a meeting of Land-tax Commissioners for the hundred of Ely and South Witchford, in the Isle of Ely, holden at the Sessions-house in Ely, on the 7th day of July inst., the following gentlemen were appointed at act as Commissioners under the Property and Income-tax Acts, viz:-

William Layton Esq., Woodhouse Ely
Henry Martin Esq., Littleport
John Vipan Esq., Sutton
Mr Thomas Archer Ely
Mr Hugh Robert Evans, jun., Ely
Mr George Hall Ely
Mr John Garrett Ely.

And at a meeting holden at the same place on the 28th inst., they took the oath necessary to qualify them to act. And at the same meeting Mr. Christopher Legge was appointed Clerk, and Mr George Legge, assistant Clerk to the said Commissioners, and took the necessary oath for the due execution of the duties of their office.
August 6 1842
Cricket
On Monday last a match was played between the Chatteris club and the Ely Gentlemens' party. Chatteris winners in one innings. A single game was afterwards played
Ely scored 28, Chatteris 93.
August 13 1842
August 20 1842
August 27 1842
The Bishop of Ely, attended at Potton, on Thursday 18th inst., to consecrate a piece of ground for the purpose of a burying ground. From this place his lordship proceeded to Sandy to perform the same duty.

Ely Union Contracts
The Board of Guardians of the above Union give Notice that they will, at their Week Meeting at the Union Workhouse in Ely, on Thursday 8th September next, receive Tenders for supplying the said Workhouse and the Out-door Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief Districts with the following articles, from 22 September to the 21st December next.

Good thirds Flour, at per stone
Bread made of same quality of flour (24 hours old) at per 4lb Loaf.

To be delivered at the said Workhouse at such times and in such quantities, as the Board of guardians shall order, and to be supplied to the paupers in every parish, in such quantities as shall be expressed in Tickets issued by the Relieving Officer.

N.B. Each Tender must be for supplying One Relief District at least.
They are also desirous of contracting, from the said 24th inst., to the 21 Sept next, for such quantities of the undermentioned articles as may from time to time be required at the said Workhouse, for the use of the Union (viz)
Provisions etc
Beef without bone, Mutton, and Suet, at per stone
Cheese and Rice, at per cwt
Hard yellow soap, Salt, moist sugar, Oatmeal, and Soda at per stone
Butter, Tea, and dip Candles, at per lb.
Peas, at per coomb; Ale and Milk, at per gal
Coals, at per ton; Turf at per 1,000
Port Wine and Best British Brandy, at per pint
Clothing etc
Fustian for Boys Suits, at per piece
Strong Grey Army Cloth, for Old Men's Suits and Twilled
Calico for lining the same, at per yard.
Men's and Boys' strong Dowlas shirts at per yard
Bed Ticking and Sheeting, at per yard.
Mens' Womens' Boys' and Girls' ankle shoes and strong
Knitted Worsted stockings, at per pair; Worsted, at per lb
Cocoa-nut Fibre, at per cwt.
Flannel, Hemp, calico, and Chambry at per yard

Sealed Tenders indorsed "Tender for Flour" or as the case may be, to be sent to me (free of expense) and samples must be produced at the Meeting.

Tenders for Bread and Flour must be delivered at my office the night previous to the Meeting, otherwise they will not be received. Other Tenders may be delivered on or before 9 a.m. of the 17th inst.

The Relieving Officers have strict orders to settle with the Contractors every week.

Contractors to give such security for the performance of their contract as the Board may require; but the Guardians do not pledge themselves to accept the lowest, or any of the Tenders.

N.B. All persons having any demands upon the above union, are requested to send their bills to me, on or before 1st April next, containing full particulars of articles furnished, or work done, under the orders of the Board, up to and including the 21 inst. accompanied by the orders themselves.
By Order of the Board
William Marshall, jun, Clerk.
September 3 1842
Marriage – On Thursday last 1st inst., at Brighton, (by the Rev. Alfred Stead, M. A.) the Rev. John Udney Robson, B. A. Of Magdalen hall Oxford, to Ellen Frances, youngest daughter of Hugh Robert Evans, Esq., Ely
September 10 1842
Isle of Ely Adjourned Sessions
The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden by Adjournment at the Sessions House, in Wisbech, in the said Isle, on Saturday 17th September inst., at Twelve o'clock at noon.

Market Garden Ground
Dwelling- House and Cottages
In the Town of Ely
To Be Sold by Auction, by John Cross
In Lots, at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 22 Sept. inst., between the hours of Six and Eight in the evening, and subject to such conditions of sale as shall be declared at the time.

The following Valuable Property, Viz:-
A very productive Market Garden walled in and planted with Fruit Trees, containing One Acre and Sixteen perches extending from Broad Street to the river Ouze, now let to Mr Benjamin Ingram (whose Tenancy expires at Michaelmas next), at the yearly rent of £18.

Also a substantial Dwelling house and Three Cottages, with a Rood of Garden ground attached, situate on the West side of Broad Street, part thereof being Freehold and the remainder Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Porta, in Ely.

The last mentioned premises are now in the several occupations of Mr William Smith, Joseph Godlington, Thomas Taylor, and George Cropley.

Further particulars from Auctioneer or T. & G. Archer, Solicitors, Ely.

Death – On Friday, 2nd inst., Mr James Ling, lay clerk of Ely Cathedral, and parish clerk of Ely Trinity. He originally came from Hadleigh, in Suffolk, and will be long remembered in the musical world as a distinguished counter tenor singer.

Thunderstorm

A most tremendous storm of thunder and lightening passed over the City of Ely, on Wednesday night last, accompanied by a very heavy rain. Indeed, the oldest inhabitants can hardly remember such a storm.
September 17 1842
September 24 1842
Ely
We extract the following paragraph from the Bristol Mercury of Saturday last:- "Mr Machin, one of the bass singers at Bristol Cathedral, has, we understand, accepted an appointment in the choir of Ely, with a more remunerating salary.

Burnt Fen First District
The next General Half yearly Meeting of the Commissioners, acting in execution of the various Acts of Parliament relating to the Drainage of the above District, will be held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 6th Oct. next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.
T. & G. Archer
Clerks to the Commissioners

Valuable Estates, Burnt Fen, Ely
To Be Sold by Auction, by C. Legge and Son
(By Order of the Mortgage under a power of sale)
At the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 6th Oct., 1842, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, in the following or other lots to be stated at the time of sale, and subject to such conditions of sale as will then be produced.

Lot 1 All that lot of Fen or Marsh Land, lying in Burnt Fen in Ely aforesaid, containing by estimation 3A 1R 26P together with messuage, Tenement or Homestead and Buildings thereon standing, abutting against Phillips' Hill Drove, east, and siding against the Adventurer's Bank south, numbered on the Burnt Fen map "69" Copyhold.

Lot 2 All that lot of Fen or Marsh land containing Twelve Acres, in Burnt Fen, abutting on Philips' Hill Drove north west, numbered on the said map "58" Copyhold.

Lot 3 All that lot of Fen or Marsh Land containing 11 acres, in Burnt fen abutting on the next lot south; part of No 50 on map. Copyhold.

Lot 4 All that piece of Fen of Marsh land containing 6 acres, in Burnt Fen, abutting on Phillips Hill Drove west, land of the Bishop of Ely, in the occupation of Mr John Sindall, east, last lot north, and land of Mr Gale (late Thompsons') south; other part of No. 59 on the said map. Freehold.

Lot 5 All that lot of Fen or Marsh Land, containing 7 acres, lying in Burnt fen, part of No. 60 on said map. Copyhold.

Lot 6 All that piece of Fen or Marsh land containing four acres, lying in Burnt Fen other part of No. "60" on said map. Freehold.

Lot 7 All that lot of Fen or Marsh land containing 3A 1R 14P in Burnt Fen, formerly Southwells, numbered on said map "71". Copyhold.

Lot 8 All that Close or piece of Ground, containing 5A 3R 13P situate at Mile End in Burnt Fen, in the occupation of Mr Jas. Willson, and Three Cottages adjoining, in the several occupations of Edmund Thompson, W Simper, and Richard Murfitt; numbered on the said map "37". Copyhold.

The above are the property of Mr George Thorpe, and are all in the occupation of Mr Thomas Willson, except the last lot which is in the occupation described, and the copyhold lots are held of the Manor of Ely Porta.

Further particulars from Messrs. Allpress and Lawrence, Solicitors, St Ives.
October 1 1842
Wisbech, Isle of Ely, and Marshland
Agricultural Society.
The Fifth anniversary meeting of this very useful society was held at Wisbech, on Thursday last. Notwithstanding the unfavourable state of the weather (several heavy showers falling in the course of the day), the attendance was numerous and respectable. The quantity of stock was about the same, but the heifers scarcely equal to those of last year. The sheep were good and much admired, but the object of chief attraction was an extraordinary fat pig, the property of Mr Wm. Goddard Jackson. It was generally acknowledged to be the largest and most complete animal of that description ever exhibited and was supposed to weigh nearly fifty stone. The judges of the stock were Mr Wm. Moore of Wiggenhall St Mary, Mr Charles Moseley, of New Barns, Ely, Mr Wm. Sills, of Casethorpe,

List of prize winners, page 2 Col. 4
October 8 1842
Sanitary Effect of Land Drainage
In the Poor-Law Commissioners' Report on the sanitary condition of the labouring population of Great Britain, just published, we find the following extract from a communication made by Mr John Marshall, jun., the clerk to the union in the Isle of Ely:-

"It has been shown that the Isle of Ely was at one period in a desolate state, being frequently inundated by the upland waters, and destitute of adequate means of drainage; the lower parts became a wilderness of stagnant pools, the exhalations from which loaded the air with pestiferous vapours and fogs; now, by the improvements which have from time to time been made, and particularly within the last fifty years, an alteration has taken place which may appear to be the effect of magic. By the labour, industry, and spirit of the inhabitants, a forlorn waste has been converted into pleasant and fertile pastures, and they themselves have been rewarded by bounteous harvests. Drainage, embankments, engines, and enclosures have given stability to the sail, (which in its nature is as rich as the Delta of Egypt) as well as salubrity to the air. These very considerable improvements, though carried on at a great expense, have at last turned to a double account, both in reclaiming much ground and improving the rest, and in contributing to the healthiness of the inhabitants. Works of modern refinement have given a totally different face and character to this once neglected spot; much has been performed, much yet remains to be accomplished by the rising generation. The demand for labour produced by drainage is incalculble, but when it is stated that where sedge and rushes but a few years since we now have fields of waving oats and even wheat, it must be evident that it is very great.

"On reference to a very perfect account of the baptisms, marriages, and burials, in Wisbech, from 1558 to 1826, I find that in the decennial periods, of which 1801, 1811, 1821, were the middle years, the baptisms and burials were as under.

	Baptisms	Burials	Population in 1801
1796 – 1805	1,627	1,535	4,710
1806 – 1815	1,654	1,313	5,209
1816 – 1825	2,165	1,390	6,515

"In the first of the three periods the mortality was 1 in 31; in the second 1 in 40; in the third 1 in 47; the latter being less than the exact mean mortality of the kingdom for the last two years. These figures clearly show that the mortality has wonderfully diminished in the last half century, and who can doubt but that the increased salubrity of the fens produced by drainage is a chief cause of the improvement."

Ely – Last Saturday a number of Sappers and Miners arrived here with two wagon loads of luggage; they are now busily employed affixing their apparatus on the tower of the Cathedral, for the purpose of a new government survey.

October 15 1842

Isle of Ely

Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, will be holden at the Sessions House, in Ely, on Wed. 19 October inst at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, at which hour the chair will be taken, and all Jurors, Constables, and Persons bound by recognizances, are required to give their attendance accordingly.

Waterford and Policeism

On Tuesday last a Special Meeting of the Magistrates was held at the Shire Hall, Ely, to hear a complaint made by Mr Bacon, jun., one of the Gas Contractors, against a certain party for extinguishing the gas lights, and also a complaint against Serjeant Chambers of the Ely Constabulary force, for neglect of duty, and participation in midnight rows on Thursday and Friday nights the 6th and 7th inst., the young man was fined 1. 10s, and 10s costs, for putting out the gas, and the magistrates considered the charge against Chambers fully borne out by the evidence produced, and a communication has, we understand been made to Captain Hampton, the Chief Constable of the Force. The inhabitants are very indignant at the conduct of the police force, in whom they in vain trust to for protection.

October 22 1842

Valuable Household Furniture

Classical and other Books, fine-toned Square Piano-Forte,

Ivory Flute, Metronome, 4-wheel Chaise and effects.

College Ely

To Be Sold by Auction, by C. Legge and Son.

On Monday next the 24th day of October inst., on the premises late the residence of the Rev. P. Durham, deceased, situate in the College at Ely, and next the gallery.

Catalogues made be had of the Auctioneers High St, Ely.

The sale will commence punctually at 11 o'clock

Goods on view on Saturday 22nd from 11 to 3 o'clock.

Isle of Ely Sessions

Held on Wednesday last at Ely, the Rev. H. Fardell, chairman. Among the Magistrates present were Dr Peacock, R. G. Townley, the Rev. G. Townley, Rev. T. Cook. Rev. – Miller, and W. Layton Esq.

Mary Groom (23) servant at the Rose and Crown, Wisbech, charged with stealing four pocket handkerchiefs, the property of her mistress. Guilty six-months' hard labour.

William Pawsey (47) charged with stealing 40 geese at Welney. It appeared that the prisoner was observed to send his dog across the river to the geese. The dog then drove them over the river, and the prisoner, having driven them a few yards, was observed to throw a heavy stick at them. Not guilty.

John Bull (37) and John Warren (29) were charged with having entered the house of John Jackson at Doddington, and stole therefrom a great quantity of wearing apparel. Warren pleaded guilty. The Jury found Bull guilty, but acquitted him on a second charge. The Court sentenced Warren to 15 years transportation and Bull to 10 years.

Henry Fields, previously convicted of felony, was found guilty of stealing a coat, at Doddington. To be transported for seven years.

Matilda Bayles, found guilty of stealing wearing apparel, at Haddenham. The prisoner was dreadfully afflicted, and the Court only sentenced her to one week's imprisonment.

The following pleaded guilty:

Moses Cook, for felony at Wisbech
John Trower at Levrington
W Lent at Welney
Rebecca Baker at Whittlesea
Thomas Lawrence at Wimblington
John Owers at Chatteris
October 29 1842
The Magistrates assembled at the Ely Sessions last week, came to a resolution of increasing the salaries of the superintendents of the rural police, by an advance of £5 per annum.

Start of the Manea, Welney, etc., District Steam Engine.
On Tuesday last the Commissioners of this District met pursuant to advertizement of last week, to witness the starting of this magnificent engine. The engine, which is about a mile above Welney Bridge, was erected by Joseph Glynn, Esq., engineer, on behalf of the Butterly Company, Derby.

Mr Glynn was present and several of the Commissioners, and also a large concourse of people, notwithstanding the roughness of the day. The start took place exactly at eleven o'clock and gave universal satisfaction to all present. After the Commissioners had witnessed the superior power of the engine for upwards of an hour, they retired to Welney to transact the general business of the District. The meeting of the Commissioners was larger then ever known (Major Lee in the chair). After partaking of a sumptuous dinner at the Lamb and Flag Inn, several toasts were proposed and duly responded to. The Chairman left about five o'clock, after which the following memorandum was entered in the minute book.

"After William Lee, Esq., had left the chair, it was the unanimous wish of the Meeting, on the proposition of Mr John Nix, that the newly erected steam engine this day started in the presence of Joseph Glynn, Esq., the engineer, be hereafter called and known by the name of "The Major", as complimentary testimony of respect to the oldest Commissioner in the District, who has for upwards of 50 years lent his useful aid in promoting its safety and prosperity."

Downham
On Wednesday week, Mrs Mayle, aged 60, of this place, was discovered in her cottage, lying at full length before the fire, dreadfully burnt, and a lifeless corpse. Whether she fell from her chair in a fit, and her clothes taking fire while in that helpless state, prevented her calling for assistance; or whether her clothes took fire when she was in possession of her senses, is not known; certain it is that no scream was heard. It appears that a sort of fatality has of late attended the family, as two of the brothers committed suicide within the last six months, without any known cause save that of the mind being affected.
November 5 1842
Isle of Ely (to wit)
Notice is hereby given, that, at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, holden at Ely on the 19th October 1842, certain presentments were made by nine of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, acting in and for the said Isle, and laid before the Court, of which the following are copies.

"We, the undersigned being nine of Her Majestys' Justices of the Peace, acting in and for the Isle of Ely, in the county of Cambridge, do hereby present that the House of Correction, at Ely, in and for the said Isle, is insufficient, inconvenient, and otherwise inadequate, to give effect to the Rules and Regulations prescribed by an Act of Parliament, passed in the fourth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the fourth intitled, "An Act for Consolidating and Amending the Laws relating to the building, repairing and regulation of certain Gaols and Houses of Correction in England and Wales; and that there is a necessity for Enlarging and Improving the said House of Correction at Ely aforesaid.
Witness our hands this 19th day of October, 1842.
Signed Henry Fardell, Chairman.

Wm. Gale Townley	Tycho Wing
George Peacock	G. Millers
Jeremiah Jackson	Joseph Cox
Jones Tobias Cook	Rd. Greaves Townley

There follows two more presentments regarding the House of Correction at Wisbech, and the Court of Justice suggesting that these be rebuilt on a new site. The three presentments will be taken into consideration at the next General Quarter Sessions to be held at Wisbech on the 4th January next or at some adjournment.

Rectory Premises, Ely
The Materials of the Great Tithe Barn
Agricultural and other Buildings (to be taken down)
To Be Sold by Auction (by Elliot Smith & Son)
During the present month.
The excellent Materials of the above extensive Building, comprising a great quantity of remarkably sound and large Oak Posts, Plates, Beams and various other Scantlings; quantity of capital Reed, pan and plain Tiles, Rag slates and Lead, about 1,200 cubic yards of rubble Walling (to be taken down) 4 pairs of doors, bricks etc.

Also to be sold standing, several other useful buildings.
November 12 1842
Valuable High and Fen Land etc.,
Ely
To Be Sold by Auction (by John Cross)
At the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 17th November inst., at 6 o'clock in the evening (subject to such conditions as will then be read) the following valuable estates, situate at Ely, late the property of Mr. Wm. Kempton, deceased (viz)

Lot 1 Two Acres of Arable Land, in Priest Meadow Field being four Lands lying together. Quit Rent 1s 4d. Copyhold of Ely Barton.

Lot 2 Two Acres of Arable Land, being six Lands lying dispersedly in Braham Field. Copyhold of Ely Barton. Quit Rent 11d.

Lot 3 One Acre and a half, of Arable Land, in Downham Field, being 3 lands near Mr. Lawrences' Mill. Copyhold of Ely Barton. Quit Rent 9d.

Lot 4 A Close of Superior Pasture Land at Marshall End, in Ely, containing 3A 1R 0P.

Lot 5 Part of the Wool-pack Inn, in Newnham, and Two Brick and Tiled Tenements adjoining, with the Yard and Gig house, Stable and Outbuildings, now in the occupation of Edward Luddington and others. The Lot has a frontage next Newnham, of 20 yards or thereabouts. Copyhold of Ely Porta. Quit Rent 1d.

Lot 6 4A 1R 11P of excellent Fen Land, in First Drove, in Padnal, abutting on the said Drove south, and lying between Land of Richard Clay's heirs east, and Land of Henry Lawrence west. Copyhold of Ely Barton. Quit Rent 1d.

Lot 7 5A 3R 11P of excellent Border Fen Land, in Waterden adjoining Clayway Drove. Freehold, 2A 1R 25P are exempt from all Drainage Taxes.

Lot 8 6A 36P of exceedingly valuable Land, in Caudle fen, (one Ground from the Bridge) abutting on the Foreland of the river Bank south east, and lying between land of Wm. Haylock (late Woodbine) north east, and land of Henry Lawrence south-west, being No "263" in the South Level Survey. Copyhold of Ely Porta. Quit Rent 3s.

6, and part of Lot 7, are liable to Eau-brink, South Level, and Padnal drainage Taxes; and Lot 8 is liable to the Eau-brink, South Level and Caudle Fen Drainage Taxes.

N.B. On completion of purchase, immediate possession may be had of all the Lands.

Further particulars apply to Mrs. Kempton, the Vendor, or to Mr Marshall, Ely, Solicitor.

March

A sail was blown off a mill belonging to Mr Shearhod, situate near a roadway leading to a row of cottages, on Saturday last. Several boys were playing in a road near the mill, and a Mr Tasting was passing in an adjoining garden; providentially for them all, its fall was a little retarded by coming in contact with the arm of an apple tree and a high fence, both of which were broken down, or they must have been crushed to death, as they had not time to run more than a foot or two, when it came to the ground.

November 19 1842

Sudden Death

Died, at Ely, on Saturday evening last, rather suddenly, Mr W. Claxton, attorney, in the 42nd year of his age. On Monday morning an inquest was held at the Club Inn, before H. R. Evans, Esq., coroner, and a respectable jury. The jury having been sworn, proceeded to view the body. Mr Creak proved he saw Mr Claxton about six o'clock on Saturday evening last, at his shop, and that he then complained of pain in the head, heart, and other parts of his body; he left his shop and walked towards home. It was proved by the family, that Mr Claxton went to bed between six and seven o'clock, that he was very restless, complained of great pain in the head, and said his head would burst; requested to kiss all his children, (a frequent custom with him) and that between seven and eight o'clock he became worse, and appearing much altered in his countenance a surgeon was sent for.

Mr Jones, surgeon, having been sworn, stated he was sent for about eight o'clock, when he found Mr Claxton had just expired, he should say about two or three minutes. Mr Claxton had been a patient of Dr Stevens for some time, and he was quite satisfied the cause of death was a fit of apoplexy. In answer to a question from the Jury, Mr Jones observed, the usual symptoms and appearances were such as to leave no doubt whatever upon his mind. The Jury returned an unanimous verdict of "Died by the visitation of God in a fit of apoplexy."

The Gaols

We have received a letter on this subject, strongly condemnatory of the conduct of the magistrates of the Isle, from a correspondent who has before written to us on the subject. The communication is declined on account of the intemperate tone in which it is written.

Haddenham

At an adjourned Tithe meeting, held here on Wednesday last, the subject of an inclosure of the open field lands of this parish was brought forward.

The Earl of Hardwicke being present consented to an inclosure, if that was found to be the wish of the land owners generally, and it was ultimately arranged that a meeting should be held on the 9th

December next to ascertain the fact. Mr Jones of Ramsey, and Mr Bidwell of Ely, were then appointed valuers to apportion the rent-charge.

To Road makers, Inclosure Contractors, Carpenters and Others
Rectory Premises Ely
Valuable Building Materials of the Great Tithe Barn, well known as the largest in England, in Lots a Capital Wheat Barn and other buildings (to be taken down)
To Be Sold by Auction
By Elliot Smith & Son.

On the Premises, on Tuesday and Wednesday 29th and 30th November 1842, precisely at 11 o'clock each day, by direction of the Very Rev. the Dean and Chapter of Ely. Comprising a variety of Sound Materials viz:=
Twenty Oak Aisle Posts, each 21 ft long, 15in by 14in; 20 Tie Beams; 440 feet run of Plates, 9in by 6in; large quantity of 6in by 6in; 230 feet run of 8in by 6in; joists; about 10,000 feet run of Rafters, Purlins, Ridge etc. four pairs of large Barn Doors.
The sound Reed taken off 108 squares of roof.
The tiling and Rag Slates of about 78 squares
About 3 ton of old Lead, a good Lead Pump, quantity of Bricks etc.
Also to be Sold in Lots and taken down by the Purchasers
About 1220 cubic yards of rubble Stone Walling
Also a 4 bay Wheat Barn with stone Walls, and the framing principally Oak, one end stud and boarded, a good pair of Barn Doors, and the roof covered with Reed.
A Range of Brick and Tiled Stables, 34 feet long
A Six bay open Shed covered with Tiles
A range of Brewhouse and Granaries, 55 ft long covered with Tiles.
The Mill house, etc, 29 ft by 16ft. A Timber and Thatch Cow house, 53 ft by 12 ft, a 6 bay open Shed, 51 ft by 17ft covered with Reed Thatch.

The Auctioneers beg respectfully to call the attention of the public to the above sale of Materials, which they do with confidence recommend, not only from the sound state and size of the Timbers, but from the immense quantity; the Barn being 230 feet long and nearly 50 feet in width and height.

The Oak is very good, the Reed particularly fine and the walls applicable for many purposes, and the rubbish and small stones will be found invaluable for road making, and lying so near the river can be removed to a great distance at a trifling expense.

The whole may be viewed two days previous to sale upon application to Mr. Thomas Ellis; of whom catalogues may be held, also at the Lamb Inn, Ely, The Crown, Soham; Marquis of Granby, Littleport; Crown, Southery; Ship, Sutton; Three Kings, Haddenham; and of the Auctioneers, Cambridge.

November 26 1842
Freehold Estate, Isle of Ely
To Be Sold by Auction buy Robert Newton.
At the George Inn, in Chatteris, early in January next in Five Lots.
Two Hundred and sixty Acres of Freehold Land called the "Manea Fiftys" lying by the side of the Old Bedford River, between Manea and Welney, the property of the Executors of the late Henry Gascoyne.
December 3 1842
Ely Union
Bread and Flour Contract

The Board of Guardians of the above Union, give Notice, that they will at their Weekly Meeting at the Union Workhouse, in Ely, on Thursday 15th inst., receive Tenders for supplying the said Workhouse and the Out-door Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief Districts, with the following Articles, from the 22nd inst., to the 22nd day of March next.
Good Thirds Flour, at per stone.
Bread made of the same quality of Flour (24 hours old) at per 4lb loaf.

To be delivered at the said Workhouse at such times and in such quantities, as the Board of Guardians shall order, and to be supplied to the paupers in every parish, in such quantities as shall be expressed in Tickets issued by the Relieving Officer.

N.B. Each Tender must be for supplying one Relief District at least.

Sealed Tenders indorsed "Tenders for Bread and Flour" to be left at my office the day previous to the Meeting, otherwise they will not be received, and samples must be produced at the Board.

The Relieving Officers have strict orders to settle with the Contractors every week.

Contractors to give such security for the due performance of their contract as the Board may require; but the Guardians do not pledge themselves to accept the lowest or any of the Tenders.

N. B. All persons having any demands upon the said Union, are requested to send in their bills to me on or before the 31st inst., containing full particulars of all the articles furnished, or work done under the order of the Board, up to and including the 22nd inst., accompanied with the orders themselves.
By Order of the Board
William Marshall, Clerk.

Valuable Fen Farm
To Be Sold by Auction by C. Legge & Son
At the Lamb Inn, in Ely, in the month of January next;
A Compact Farm, in Burnt Fen, in Ely, now in the occupation of William Layton, Esq., comprising about 200 Acres of Land.

The above Farm is held under a Lease from the See of Ely, for 20 years, from Michaelmas next.

Further particulars from Messrs Evans & Son, Solicitors, Ely.

Padnal and Caudle Fen, Ely
Valuable Fen Land
To be Sold by Auction, by C. Legge & Son
At the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 15th December next, at Seven o'clock in the evening, (subject to conditions of sale).

Lot 1 Eight Acres of Land in Padnal First Drove, abutting north on the Drove, and south on the Old River; now in occupation of Robert Carmen. Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Porta.

Lot 2 Nine acres of Capital Land in Caudle Fen, abutting upon the Drove, now in occupation of John Fuller. Freehold.

Further particulars of Messrs Veasey Solicitors, Baldock Herts, or of Messrs Evans and Sons, solicitors, Ely.

Marriage – On the 24th ult., at Ely Trinity (By the Rev. W. R. Clay) Daniel Cuttriss, son of Mr. James Cuttriss, farmer, to Miss S. Tunnell of the same place.

Death – On the 25th ult., at Ely, Mr Wm. Cropley, boot and shoe-maker, leaving a large family unprovided for.

On Monday last, after a lingering illness of ten months duration, Mr. Wm. Cole, of Ely, tailor, aged 58 years.

Ely – On Saturday last, about eight o'clock in the evening, as two Cambridge gentlemen were returning from this city, and driving rather hastily, the gig in which they were riding came in contact with that of Mr. J. Cross, of this city, merchant, who was returning from Cambridge market. The collision was so great that the two Cambridge gentlemen were thrown out of the gig, and both the shafts broken in two, so that the gentlemen and their vehicle were obliged to be taken back to Ely, a distance of two miles: fortunately no further damage was sustained.

Accident
On Thursday week, as Mr Cheesewright, sen., of Ely, was going down the common, with a mare and loaded waggon, two persons came riding furiously, and before Mr. C. Was aware of any one being near, he was knocked down by one of the horses, nearly under the wheel of the waggon, which providentially was stopped instantly, otherwise the wheels must have gone over him.

His head was cut and he is bruised about the body; but he is not dangerously hurt. Neither of the men are known.
December 10 1842
December 17 1842
Death – On the 6th inst., William Owens, many years gardener to the Rev. G. Jenyns, Prebendary of Ely Cathedral.

Freehold Estates, Coveney, Isle of Ely.
To Be Sold by Auction by C. Legge and Son.
At the Lamb Inn, Ely, on Thursday 29th December, 1842
at Six o'clock in the evening (subject to conditions of sale)
The Following Freehold Estates
In Coveney, Isle of Ely. Land Tax Redeemed.

Lot 1 All that piece of Fen Land, containing Six acres, (more or less) in or near to a place called Old Fen, bounded on the north by a drove called New Drove, on the south by land of Waddelow Chambers, on the east by the road called the Old Fen Road, and on the west by land of Mr. Macer.

Lot 2 All that piece of Fen Land containing six acres, in a certain place called Sedge Fen, bounded on the north and south by droves called Sedge Fen Drove and Wentworth Drove, and on the east by land of Mr Richard Clay, deceased, and on the west by land of Mr Waddelow Chambers.

Lot 3 All those Two Acres of Wash Land, lying and being in the Common Wash, in Coveney.

The above are in occupation of Mr Chas. Porter whose tenancy expires at Michaelmas next.

Further particulars from Auctioneers at Ely, or to Messrs. Day and Swallow, solicitors, St Ives.
December 24 1842
Isle of Ely
Notice is hereby given that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at the Sessions House in Wisbech, in the said Isle, on Wednesday the 4th January next, at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, at which hour the chair will be taken; and all Jurors, Constables, and Persons bound by recognizance, and others having occasion to attend are required to give their attendance accordingly.

And Notice is also hereby given, that the business relating to the Constabulary Force of the Isle, and laying a police rate towards defraying the expenses of the said force will commence and be proceeded in immediately after the Grand Jury are sworn and charged and after such business is disposed of, the business relating to the assessment, application or management of the Isle stock or rate will commence and be done and transacted in open court.

The Justices are requested to send their several Depositions and recognizances to the office of the Clerk of the Peace, Wisbech, on or before the Saturday preceding.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech. Dec. 20 1842.

1843

January 7 1843
Chatteris
A Correspondent tells us that some sawyers have been cutting up an old black oak of such dimensions as appear almost incredible. The length of the trunk was 33 yards and the diameter 2 feet 10 inches. This tree was found about two years ago under the sail on the farm of Miss Richardson.

Conger Eel
Last Monday a very fine specimen of the Conger eel was taken in the 100 feet river near Mepal, it measured 5 feet 1in; and weighed upwards of 20 lbs. A speculator purchased it, and exhibited it to considerable profit at Chatteris and St Ives. Instances of this sea-fish being taken so far up a fresh-water river are rare.

Isle of Ely Sessions
Held on Wed. and Thurs. last before the Rev. W. G. Townley, Chairman, the Rev. H. Fardell, R. G. Townley Esq., the Dean of Ely, Rev. Sparke, A. Peyton, J. Jackson, Millers, Cooke, W. Layton – Metcalf, T. Fryer, R. Fryer, Esqs., and others

The Chairman addressing the Grand Jury, briefly stated that he was sorry to say the cases were numerous, but none of a very serious nature. He added a few remarks in favour of the working of the rural police. He said he should not detain them long, as business of great importance was to be brought on at twelve o'clock, when he wished they should be present.

The Court withdrew and on its return, the Chairman said that he thought it right to state in open court that the expences of the rural police amounted to £652. 12s. 1d, and that a rate of a half penny in the pound had been laid.

The Houses of Correction at Wisbech and Ely.
The presentments made at some recent sessions of the Isle as to the state of the gaols at Ely and Wisbech, having been read by the Clerk of the Peace.

The Rev. Jeremiah Jackson said that, in moving a resolution he had to lay before them, he would take the opportunity of saying a few words, that the charges made against the magistrates might not be without denial.

They had been called "plunderers" and "peculators", but so far from that, the necessity of making great alterations in the gaols at Ely and Wisbech had been absolutely forced upon them. The present state of the gaols was not in accordance with law, and the government had already spoken out as to the necessity of amendment.

There were many schemes proposed, but of all, he thought the one to be laid before them that day would be found to be the best and in the end the most economical. He concluded by moving "That the presentment as to the Ely gaol was well founded.

The Rev. Algernon Peyton said he might surprise some persons by the course he was about to take, but he felt in doing so he was promoting the object he had so much at heart, namely, the having the gaol at Ely for the whole Isle. He had requested Major Jebb to be present that day, and if any blame attached to anyone for the step, it was only to himself. He called the attention of the Magistrates to the fifth report of the Commissioners, which stated the prisons in the Isle of Ely to be "in the worst possible state", and recommended one new prison, built with a view to classification, as likely to be most beneficial.

Mr Jackson then moved that the improvements in Ely gaol be proceeded in with all possible despatch and that the committee be open to all magistrates, who should be summoned by post, which was seconded by the Rev. W. Strong, and carried almost unanimously.

The Very Rev. Dr. Peacock moved "That the presentation with respect to Wisbech goal was well founded, and that the gaol ought to be re-built." He said that with respect to the two gaols, Major Jebb had been consulted, and that it was his (Mr. P's) opinion they could not, if they wished abolish the gaol at Wisbech without an Act of Parliament.

He thought classification might be carried out in the two gaols, by having some classes at Wisbech and others at Ely, almost, as well as if all were in one large gaol. He thought in carrying out his resolution, the magistrates would only do their duty to the country.

R. G. Townley, Esq., seconded the resolution. The Act of Parliament passed in 1836 constituted the courts and gaols in both places. He had no wish to tax the people unnecessarily, and he considered it at least a want of good taste on the part of those who dwelt on the burden.

The Rev. Algernon Peyton opposed the resolution, and said that so resolved were he and his friends who wished for one gaol in the Isle, that they were determined to take advantage of the want of firm observable in the presentments, and to oppose the contemplated alterations in every way possible. The Magistrates had heard the Dean of Ely talk of the measure as an act of duty, but he could not conceive it to be so, and as to the argument of Mr Townley that there had been so long gaols at the two places that they ought not to alter them, there was a time he could assure them, when there was but one gaol, and that was at Ely. He considered the local act called "The Bishops Act" was overruled by the goal act, and he was advised that they might proceed without reference to that part of it which alluded to the state of the gaol at Wisbech.

J. Fryer Esq., was opposed to the improvement of the gaol at Wisbech, he considered one efficient goal at Ely that which was most desirable.

Rev. H. Fardell advocated the improvement of the gaol at Wisbech. He pointed out the dreadful state in which it was at present, with but one airing yard and sometimes so full that there were six prisoners in one cell. With respect to any memorial from Wisbech as had been enquired of him, he

would only remark that it was not likely the inhabitants would offer a justification before they knew wherein they had offended so as to lose their ancient privileges. He was authorized to state that they were determined to support their rights by all legal measures.

R. Fryer, jun., Esq., advocated one gaol and could assure the magistrates that so firm was the conviction of its advantages in the minds of those who supported it, that they were determined to take advantage of every technical objection. The Motion was ultimately carried by 11 to 3.

Prisoners

Robert Norton, of Wisbech charged with stealing a pair of boots on 14th Oct. last from Mr. Bishop, White Lion Inn.

Verdict guilty, one months' imprisonment and hard labour.

Margaret Fall, of Wisbech, charged with stealing on 12 Oct., last one boa, property of Ann Yeates. Verdict not guilty.

Meshack Gray, of Haddenham, for stealing a watch from John Proctor.

Verdict not guilty.

James Edwards, for stealing four silk handkerchiefs at Ely. Guilty three months' hard labour.

Henry Porter of Wisbech, for stealing a shirt from Mrs. Plater in October. Guilty, one months' hard labour.

John Reeve pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing a watch and other property at Wisbech, in November. Seven years' transportation.

Joseph Dickens pleaded guilty to two charges of stealing wearing apparel, at Wisbech. Six months' hard labour.

Wm. Watson pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing a copper boiler at Littleport. One months and hard labour.

George Collins of Wisbech, aged 12, for stealing a coat from Wm. Parr, pleaded guilty. Six weeks and hard labour.

Thomas Green, for stealing a drake, at Wimblington, pleaded guilty. Fourteen days and hard labour.

Wm. Bristow, for stealing a coat from Mr Penning of Wisbech. Guilty three months and hard labour.

Thomas Bonnett, John Johnson, and John Simmons, of Elm, for stealing oats from Mr. Fryer, of Elm.

Sentenced to fourteen days' imprisonment each. The Jury recommended mercy.

John Brown, of Elm, labourer, was indicted for stealing a sheep from John Cousins of Outwell, on Nov. 22nd. Verdict, not guilty.

Susan Fundry, pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing a piece of pork, at Wisbech.

William Cockett, of Walsoken, for stealing a hempen cloth from William Macniel of Wisbech. Verdict, guilty, one month and hard labour.

January 14 1843

Marriage at Ely, on Saturday last, Mr James Cole, tailor, to Miss Rhoda Allen, niece of Mr. M. Bennett, governor of the Ely Union House.

On the 10th inst., at Stibbington, (by the Rev. Wm. Wing,) John Richardson Fryer, Esq., eldest son of John Fryer, Esq., of Chatteris in the Isle of Ely, to Mary Agnes, youngest daughter of Steed Girdlestone, Esq., of Stibbington Hall, in the County of Northampton.

Gross Outrage.

One night last week some thief entered the farmyard of the Messrs. Rayners, at Ely, cut off the tails of three young horses, and carried away the same.

Caution to Watermen

At the Petty Sessions held at Ely, on Thursday last, Nicholas Wootton, of Ely, waterman, was fined £3.17s, including costs, for giving an untrue account of the quantity of coal with which his gang was laden, thereby defrauding the toll collectors of the tonnage of eleven tons.

Mechanics' Institute.
On Friday evening last the annual meeting was held, to receive the report of the Committee of the Ely Mechanics' Institute, which was numerously and very respectably attended, Wm Layton, Esq., in the Chair. The Secretary, (Mr Wm. Marshall) read the report, by which it appears that since the establishment of the society, twelve months since, 183 persons had enrolled themselves as members, the amount of donations and subscriptions, amounted to upwards of £126; the library contained more than 600 volumes of standard works, and at different times during the 32 weeks the library had been opened 4,000 volumes had been issued. John Muriel Esq., proposed the adoption of the report, and that it be printed; which was seconded by James Cropley, Esq., and carried. Afterwards the vacancies in the Committee were filled up, and thanks voted to the various officers of the Institute, as also to the worthy chairman.

New Engine
A correspondent say, "I have seen no notice taken yet of the Feltwell new Fen Engine (sixty-horse power) in your paper. I am sure you will be glad to hear that it is considered to rank among the first in the Fens, more particularly as the contractors are your fellow townsmen, the Messrs Headly, of the Eagle Foundry.

Mr Woods' Concert.
Our Isle of Ely friends will perceive that Mr Wood, of Cambridge, has announced that he will give a concert at Ely, on Thursday 23rd Feb.

Benefit Society
A meeting was held at the Shire hall, Ely, on Wednesday the 18th inst., at which the very Rev. the Dean presided, for the purpose of establishing a General Benefit Society, in connection with the Society established at Cambridge. The meeting was not so well attended as we could have wished, when the object was the promotion of an Institution of so benevolent a character.

The following resolutions were carried unanimously moved by William Layton, Esq., and seconded by the Rev. S. Smith – Agreed that a branch Society, in connection with the Cambridge Society, be established in Ely for the benefit of the city and neighbourhood: moved by John Muriel Esq., and seconded by the Rev. W. K. Clay – Agreed that a Committee of gentlemen be formed for carrying the above resolution into effect, with power to add to their numbers. Moved by the Rev. A Gatenby, and seconded by William Luddington, Esq. That the said committee be authorized to frame rules and regulations for the organisation and management of this District Society, and to settle the terms of its connections with the central society at Cambridge. The Rev. S. Smith was appointed secretary, and after thanks had been given to the very Rev. the Dean for his conduct in the chair the meeting separated.

January 21 1843
Gang of Lighters and Rigging
Two Water Horses, etc
Ely
To Be Sold by Auction, by Joseph Wentworth
At the Ship, Quay-side, Ely, on Thursday, Feb 2nd at Two o'clock in the afternoon, the property of Mr George Coulson, who is declining business.

Fore Lighter burthen 20 Tons

House	"	"	20 Tons
Third	"	"	20 Tons
Fourth	"	"	18 Tons
Fifth	"	"	15 Tons
Horse Boat	"	"	7 Tons

Also all the Rigging etc., belonging to the said Gang, and two Horses used to the business. Twelve months' credit to Purchasers above Five Pounds upon their producing approved joint security.

A dinner will be provided at the Ship Inn, to be on the table at One o'clock (punctually), and the Sale will commence at Two.

Catalogues may be had at the Griffin Inn, March; George Inn, Chatteris and Earith; Dolphin, St Ives; Boat, Whittlesea; Ship, Ely, and of J Wentworth, auctioneer, opposite Trinity College, Cambridge.

January 28 1843

Isle of Ely

The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden by adjournment at the Sessions house, Wisbech, on Wednesday, 1st February next, at 12 o'clock at noon.

Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace

Ely 1843

To Builders, Ely House of Correction.

Builders who may be desirous of delivering Tenders for the Works to be done in Erecting the New Buildings, and making the Alterations for the House of Correction at Ely, may see the Drawings and Specification at the office of Messrs. Evans and Son, at Ely, on and after the 23rd day of January inst., between the hours of ten and five.

The Tenders to be addressed to "Hugh Robert Evans, Esq., Clerk to the Magistrates", at Ely, and delivered to him on or before the 22nd February next, indorsed "Tender for Ely House of Correction."

The Tenders will be opened at the Sessions House, at Ely, on Thursday the 23rd February next, at Twelve o'clock at noon, but the Magistrates do not pledge themselves to accept the lowest or any tender, unless satisfactory, neither are they or the Architect to be held responsible to any of the parties tendering for any charges for making their Estimates, or for any expences incurred in so doing.

Each Tender is to be accompanied by a schedule of prices, which are to be the prices (should the Tender be accepted) for valuing deductions from, or additions to, the Contract, if any.

N. B. Mr Basevi the Architect, is ready to give, in writing, every further explanation required of the Drawings and specification, while the Estimates are making, on application to him, at his residence, 17, Saville Row, London, or by letter.

Association.

For the Prosecution of all kinds of felony within the Hundred of Ely and south part of the Hundred of Witchford.

Notice is hereby given, that the Annual Meeting of the Members of this Association, for the purpose of passing the Agents' Accounts, and Enlarging or Rescinding the present rules and Orders, if

necessary, will be held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Saturday, 4th February next, between the hours of Two and four o'clock in the afternoon.
Hy Pigott, Agent
Ely 28th January, 1843

Sale of Timber on Braham Farm
About Two miles from Ely, and next the Turnpike-road leading from Ely to Cambridge.
Messrs Christopher Legge and Son,
Beg to announce that they have received instruction from the Very Rev. the Dean and Chapter of Ely to sell by Auction, on the Above Farm, some time in the month of February next; a large quantity of Ash and Elm Timber Trees and Spires, some of which are of large dimensions.

Marriage – On Thursday last, the 26th inst., at St Marys' Church, Ely (by the Rev. S. Smith) Thomas Waters, youngest son of Mr John Minett, farmer, Fordham, Cambs, to Miss Nasell of the former place.

Deaths
January 18th at Haddenham, aged 53, Elizabeth, the wife of Henry Robinson, schoolmaster.

January 22nd at Haddenham, aged 17, Hannah, the daughter of Wm. Wayman.
Ely
The Bachelors' Ball was held yesterday se'nnight, and was attended by company numbering more than a hundred. Everything went off exceedingly well.

February 4 1843

Burnt Fen First District
We, the undersigned Commissioners of Drainage appointed by or under the Acts of Parliament now in force for the Drainage of the above District, do hereby appoint a meeting of the Commissioners of Drainage for executing the said Acts, to be holden at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Saturday the 11th February next, at 12 o'clock at noon, to take into consideration the following resolution entered into by the Commissioners of Mildenhall Fen, at a Meeting held on the 24 January viz. "It being proposed in the intended bill for the Drainage of this District, to extend the boundary thereof, and to include therein certain lands at present forming part of the Burnt Fen First District, Resolved, that the Clerk do write to the Clerk of the Commissioners of the Burnt fen First District, and request him at the earliest possible period to convene a Special meeting of the Commissioners of that District for the purpose of obtaining their consent to the transfer to the Second District of the Lands proposed to be included in the New District, and now situated in the Burnt Fen First District; also, that the Commissioners do attend such meeting and make the necessary arrangements with the Burnt Fen First District Commissioners, and that the Clerks, with Messrs Isaacson and Read, do also attend with the Draft Bill, and learn the views of the Burnt Fen First District Commissioners as to the clauses and provisions thereof affecting their District;" and to take such proceedings and enter into such resolutions in relation to the aforegoing resolution as may be deemed expedient; and, also to transact any other business relating to the Drainage of the said First District that may require to be disposed of
Dated this 26th day of January 1843

Geo. Hall	John Seaber
Joseph Little	Wm. Saberton
Thos. Saberton	J. Luddington
Smith Flanders	Wm Flanders
	Wm. Luddington

Burnt Fen First District payment of Taxes.
Notice is hereby given, that the Commissioners of the said District did, at a half-yearly meeting holden at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 31st March 1842, assess, rate, tax, and charge all and singular the Fen Lands and Low Grounds within the said District, (except such as lie beyond the Cross bank) with a tax of nine pence an Acre, and a gradual acre tax not exceeding one shilling and sixpence per Acre, and a further gradual acre tax not exceeding Three Shillings per Acre, on each and every one of the said Fen lands and Low Grounds, and so in proportion for any less quantity than an acre; and that the said several taxes have been ordered by the said Commissioners to be paid to us, as their Receivers, at our office in Ely within the month of February next. And notice is hereby also given, that any person liable to the payment of the said rates and taxes, and omitting to pay the same to us for twenty days from the twenty eighth day of the said month of February, will forfeit and be required to pay to the said Commissioners by way of penalty for every such omission, the sum of Three Shillings and four pence for every Twenty Shillings of the said rates and taxes which shall be so in arrear and unpaid, and so in proportion for any less sum than Twenty shillings.
Dated this day 26th January 1843
T and G Archer
Clerks and Receivers to the said Commissioners.

February 11 1843

Death – At Ely, on Monday last, John Fenn better known as "Lord Tongs" at the good old age of 96. He was the father of twenty-two children – always followed the vocation of a fisherman – was the oldest inhabitant of Ely – was a very active man, and to the last could row a boat faster than many of the crack youngsters: during the last week of his life he was spreading his nets for the support of himself and family.

Ely Mechanics' Institution
A lecture was given on Friday night, on Combustion by Philip Smith, Esq., of Fordham. He gave a clear and concise account of the benefit which has arisen from a knowledge of the wonder-working powers, which, under skilful management, it is able to perform, applicable to engines in the various ways in which man requires its aid. Throughout the lecture Mr Smith showed a comprehensive acquaintance of the science. The experiments had the desired effect of showing the accuracy of the lecturers theory – few failed.

The experiments with the blow-pipe were very interesting, exhibiting the intense heat and wonderful properties of the air when separated from its compound. Mr Smith, in explaining the nature of the blow-pipe when first invented spoke of the danger which attended it and the means used by Dr Clarke and Sir Humphrey Davy, for defence against explosion; but now by the contrivance of a bullocks' bladder instead of an iron cylinder, all danger was removed; he could if he thought proper, cause it to explode, but before the present assembly it would not be judicious, as its report would be as loud as a gun. The various metals (amongst them a piece of platina wire, which would remain in a blacksmith's forge a week without melting) were in a few seconds burning brilliantly, some sending forth beautiful sparks. In applying a knife blade to the pipe an explosion took place, it seemed much louder than the report of a gun, and shook the nerves of the stoutest. Mr. S. for a moment stood as if stunned, but upon moving towards the machine, and while explaining what he believed the cause and utter harmlessness of the explosion, the applause was tremendous.

The experiments he had intended would have been numerous, but the smoke from the combustion which had taken place prevented the collection of the fluid for the use of the electrifying machine and he (Mr Smith) was sorry it would prevent further experiments. Though combustion is acknowledged to be a dry science to a mixed audience, yet the attention was fixed and all seemed interested.

Another skeleton, of the whole species, has been discovered on the farm of Mr Crane, in Thorny Fen. It is smaller than the first, and is being dug out under the directions of Dr. Crane, who intends sending it to some museum.

A part of the large whale found a few weeks ago, we hear, is likely to be exhibited shortly at the Stamford Institution.

February 18 1843

Death – On Saturday the 11th inst., at Ely, much respected, Mr Henry Wilks, in the 67th year of his age, formerly a grocer and draper, at that place.

Ely
To Be Let with immediate possession
All that Dwelling House, with the Yard, Pot Kiln,
Drying Sheds, and other Buildings, lying next the river
and in which as extensive Business has been for many years carried on
Enquire of Messrs. Bacon and Son. Fore Hill Ely.

Copyhold Estate Ely
To Be Sold by Auction (By Elliot Smith & Son and B. Bridges)
At the White Hart Inn, Ely, during the present month of February, by direction of the Assignees of Messrs Nutter & Elliston.
A Copyhold Estate, with Garden thereunto annexed, situate in Broad St., Ely.
First Rate, Family Hotel and Posting House
Lamb Inn, Ely
To Be Let by Auction, by C. M. Bidwell
At the Lamb Inn, on Thursday 16th March, next, at seven o'clock in the evening, subject to such conditions as shall then be produced, for a term of three or five years from Lady-day, Midsummer, or Michaelmas, next, to be determined at the time of letting.

The Old established and well-accustomed Inn, Family Hotel, and Posting-house, called the Lamb at Ely; comprising handsome Entrance, well situated Bar, commercial Room, Market Room, Large Dining Room, and four other excellent sitting rooms, and capable of making up twenty beds, large and convenient Kitchens and extensive Cellarage.

The yard is spacious, and contains two Lock-up Coach-houses, capital Stabling for Thirty Horses, suitable and well arranged Offices, with Convenient Tap, fronting Market Street.

The above establishment stands in a most eligible situation at the junction of the roads leading from Lynn, Cambridge and Newmarket, which must at all times command the principal trade, as an Inn and Posting house.

It has long been reputed one of the first and best frequented Houses in the Country, and has been for the last fourteen years in the occupation of Mr Beecroft, the present tenant who is retiring from business. There is no probability of any railway being carried sufficiently near to prejudice the trade or posting of this House, and the completion of any of the projected lines will considerably improve it.

N. B. The hirer will have the option of the occupation of an excellent Close of Pasture, containing Eight Acres, situated within 150 yards of the premises.

Further particulars from Messrs Evans & Son, Solicitors or of the Auctioneers, Ely.

Turnpike Road, leading from Cambridge to Ely, and from thence to
Soham etc., called "the South District"

In pursuance of a Requisition from three of the Trustees of the said Turnpike Road, Notice is hereby given that the General Annual Meeting of the Trustees will be holden at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Tuesday 14th March next, at eleven o'clock, forenoon. And notice is hereby also given that at the said meeting new Trustees will be chosen to supply the vacancies in the said Trust, occasioned by death or otherwise.
Dated 17th February 1843
H. R. Evans, Clerk

Turnpike-road Leading from Cambridge to Ely, and from thence to
Soham, called "the South District."
In pursuance of a Requisition from three of the Trustees Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the said Trustees, will be holden at the White Hart Inn, in Ely aforesaid, on Tuesday 21st March next at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of Letting the Tolls arising at the Toll Gate on the Turnpike-road leading from Cambridge to Ely, called or known by the name of Stretham Ferry Turnpike Gate together with the Toll House near the said gate, and on general business.
Dated 16th February 1843
H. R. Evans, Clerk.

Turnpike Tolls to be Let
Notice is hereby given that the Tolls arising at the Toll-gate upon the Turnpike road leading from Cambridge to Ely called or know by the name of Stretham Ferry Turnpike Gate together with the Toll house near the gate, will be let by auction, for three years, to the best bidder, at the house of Mr Matthew Scott, called or known by the White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Tuesday 21st March at Twelve Noon, in the manner directed by the Act passed in the third year of the reign of his Majesty King George the Fourth – "For regulating Turnpike roads," which Tolls produced the last three years, the sum of four hundred and one pounds per annum, above the expense of collecting them, and will be put up at that sum per annum.

Whoever happens to be the best bidder must at the same time deposit in the hands of the Chairman of the Meeting the sum of Fifty Pounds, to be fourfeited to the Trustees on non=performance of the conditions of letting, by which conditions, among other stipulation, the hirer will be required to pay two months in advance of the rent at which such Tolls may be let, and give security at his own expense with sufficient sureties to the satisfaction of the Trustees of the said Road, within ten days from the day of letting, for payment of the rest of the said rent by prospective monthly instalments.
Dated 16th February 1843
H. R. Evans
Clerk to the Trustees
There follows similar notices for T. Roads to Downham and Littleport to Welney.

February 25 1843

Concert at Ely
On the evening of Thursday last, the inhabitants of Ely were highly gratified by a concert given in that City by Mr. Wood, of Cambridge, who had engaged for the occasion the Misses Birch, Mr T Machin, Mr Patey, Mr Richardson, and Mr C Blagrove. The whole of the performances deserved very high praise, and were listened to with the greatest interest and attention. If there be any part of the performances we should feel inclined to particulatize, it would be Mr Richardson's superb execution on the flute, and "Lo, hear the gentle lark," deliciously sung by Miss Birch. That lady and her sister sang several of the same airs we had the pleasure of listening to in Cambridge the

preceding evening. The concert went off to the high gratification of a most respectable audience, which included a party from the Palace, the Dean of Ely, and most of the families in the City and neighbourhood.

On the 1st inst. George Downey, in the employ of Mr Cross, of Chesterton, waterman, was apprehended at Lynn and conveyed to Ely, he having, on the 1st December last, been convicted in the penalty of £2., and £1. 3s. costs for defrauding the branch Toll, and, in default of payment, committed to the House of Correction, at Ely, for one month.

"The Bridge" Beer House, Broad Street, Ely.
To Be peremptorily Sold By Auction,
by Elliot Smith & Son and Benjamin Bridges.
On Thursday 9th March, 1843, at the Lamb Inn, Ely, 6 p.m.

(By Order of the Court of Review, by direction of the Assignees of Messrs Nutter and Elliston, bankrupts) Broad St., a thickly populated neighbourhood, and near the Quay side, known as the "Bridge" Beer House, containing 5 good rooms, and excellent cellar; with large Garden and Orchard behind, containing about One rood, planted with fruit trees, and on which is a board and pantile Stable, and good pump of water.

Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Porta and subject to a trifling Quit-Rent of 8d.

Further particulars of Mr Stephen Adcock solicitor or of the Auctioneers, Cambridge.

Valuable Plots of Building Ground (Freehold)
And a convenient Dwelling House, Rectory Premises, Ely
To Be Sold by Auction by Elliot Smith and Son
On Thursday March 9th 1843, at 6 o'clock in the evening, at the Lamb Inn, Ely, by order of the Very Rev. the Dean and Chapter.
Lot 1 A Valuable Plot of Ground, 61 ft wide, fronting St Mary's Street, containing a depth down Walpole Lane, of about 153 ft as now staked out.
Lot 2 Another portion of the said Ground, having a similar width and frontage, and containing in depth down the centre about 180 ft.
Lot 3 Another portion, having a similar frontage and adjoining the Old Entrance Gateway, containing a depth of upwards of 190 feet.
Lot 4 The Remainder of the said frontage of about 78 ft adjoining the Church-yard, having a width at the back of about 43 ft and a depth upward of 200 ft, on which is standing the Old Entrance Gateway, and the excellent Dwelling-House as formerly in the occupation of the late Johnathan Page, Esq., containing on the ground floor, a large dining room, a Parlour, Office, Kitchen, Dairy and out offices, a good cellar, under the office, and six good sized chambers over.

The extent and situation of the above for Building purposes is not to be equalled, and for private residences it is certainly the most preferable part of the City, and the whole being Freehold, a tenure so rarely to be met with in Ely, makes it a most desirable investment.

Further Particulars of Messrs Evans and Son, Solicitors, Ely or of the Auctioneers, Cambridge.
March 4 1843
Ely Union Contracts
The Board of Guardians of the above Union, give Notice, that they will, at their Weekly Meeting at the Union Workhouse, in Ely, on Thursday 16th inst., receive Tenders for supplying the said Workhouse and the Out-door Paupers with Bread and Flour, Provisions and Clothing, from 23rd inst., to 21st June inclusive.

Good Thirds Flour, at per stone.
Bread made of the same quality of Flour (24 hours old) at per 4lb loaf.

To be delivered at the said Workhouse at such times and in such quantities, as the Board of Guardians shall order, and to be supplied to the paupers in every parish, in such quantities as shall be expressed in Tickets issued by the Relieving Officer.

Provisions

Cheese, Rice, and Potatoes, at per cwt.
Hard Yellow Soap, salt, moist sugar, oatmeal, and soda, at per stone
Butter, tea and dip candles, at per lb.
Peas, at per comb, ale and milk, all per gallon, Coals at per ton, turf at per 1000.

Clothing

Beaverteen, for boys suits, at per yard.
Strong grey army cloth, for old men's suits and twilled calico for lining the same, at per yard
Men's, and boys' strong dowlas shirts, at per dozen.
Bed ticking and sheeting, at per yard
Men's, women's boys' and girls' ankle shoes and strong knitted worsted stockings at per pair
Worsted at per lb: cocoa nut fibre at per cwt.
Flannel and shroud flannel, hemp, calico and chambray at per yard.

N.B. Each Tender must be for supplying one Relief District at least.

Sealed Tenders indorsed "Tenders for Bread and Flour" to be left at my office the day previous to the Meeting, otherwise they will not be received, and samples must be produced at the Board.

The Relieving Officers have strict orders to settle with the Contractors every week.

Contractors to give such security for the due performance of their contract as the Board may require; but the Guardians do not pledge themselves to accept the lowest or any of the Tenders.

N. B. All persons having any demands upon the said Union, are requested to send in their bills to me on or before the 23rd instant, containing full particulars of all the articles furnished, or work done under the order of the Board, up to and including the 16th instant, accompanied with the orders themselves.

By Order of the Board
William Marshall, Clerk.
Ely March 1 1843

Bedford Level Corporation, Banks, Forelands, Tolls and Fisheries,
To Be Let by Auction at the times and places mentioned viz.,
Ely Division
At the Shire Hall, at Ely, on Thursday 16th March 11 am.
The Mow and Feed of the Barrier and other Banks and Forelands south of the Forty-feet including the Banks of that river. Also the several Fisheries belonging to the Corporation except those let at Whittlesey.
Also, the several Tolls except the Toll at Guyhurn which will be let by Whittlesey.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese, left the Palace, Ely, on Tuesday, for his town residence, 37 Dover Street, Piccadilly.

The Gaols

The tenders for the alteration of the House of Correction, at Ely, were given to the Magistrates on Thursday week. Mr Richard Freeman's was accepted, and the work was to have begun on Wednesday, 1st March, but a letter from the Home Secretary was received by the Magistrates Clerk, on Friday, ordering that no further proceedings be taken until fresh instructions be given. It appears that a petition was signed some time ago, praying that there should be only one prison in the Isle, and several magistrates coinciding with these views, have laid the case before the Government, who seem to wish for its establishment at Doddington, being a central position.

March 11 1843

Caution to Watermen

On Thursday last, James Brown and Dyson Porter, men in the employ of Mr. Edward Mason, of Cambridge, were fined by the magistrates at Ely, £1. 7s each including costs, for navigating with a gang of lighters in the river on Sunday, 19th February last. It is not generally known that all men so employed are subject to a penalty and costs, and that in future informations will be laid against all parties so offending.

March 18 1843

March 25 1843

April 1 1843

Death at Ely – On Tuesday last, at her residence in Ely, Mrs Ann Bull, widow, at the very advanced age of 93.

Sudden Death

We are concerned to state that about 7 o'clock last Tuesday evening Mr Christopher Legge, of Ely, auctioneer, at that time apparently in good health, was seized with a fit and expired immediately. The cause of his death is supposed to have been an affliction of the heart.

Mr Legge was highly respected, and his sudden death is the cause of much sorrow.

April 8 1843

Isle of Ely Sessions, Thursday

The Isle of Ely Gaols

The Clerk of the Peace having read the presentments of former sessions with respect to the bad state of the gaols at Wisbech and Ely, and the necessity there existed for rebuilding them.

Dr Peacock rose and moved "That the presentment with respect to the gaol at Wisbech was well founded, and that the same should be rebuilt." The Rev. Doctor said the question had been so fully discussed on previous occasions that he would not then enter into its details.

R. G. Townley Esq., seconded the motion.

The Reverend Algernon Peyton begged to move as an amendment "that the presentment was not well founded", He said that the duty he had felt called upon to perform was now nearly over.

"His task was o'er, his pilgrim shrine was won." His object had been to show to the Bench and the rate payers that one gaol would be better, both for the classification of prisoners and for saving expense, than two at such a distance from each other, and, if he had failed in his object he had at least satisfied his conscience. He had not, however, quite done with the subject, and he should take this opportunity to express the objections he had to the Dean of Ely entering into an unauthorised correspondence with the government, for the purpose of inducing them to direct the law officers of the Crown to amend the presentments; and he particularly objected to one thing which appeared from the correspondence, namely, that the belief was expressed in it "that the minority would take advantage of their informality." He also stated it was his belief, founded upon an opinion he had taken, that they had not the power to rebuild the gaol at Wisbech, that power being wholly taken away by the Municipal Corporation Act. He said that what they were about to do was against the wish of the cartos, of the rate-payers, and of the land owners, and he called upon them to pause even now before they incurred the heavy responsibility they were about to incur.

T. Fryer Esq., seconded the amendment. He objected to the contemplated measures because they were brought forward at a time when the country was overburdened with taxes, especially because he thought one central gaol far better than two. He did not think Ely the best place; but as they had there a new Court House, and sufficient land adjoining the gaol available for building purposes, he should, rather than lose the advantage altogether, submit to being there, especially as he knew the rate-payers of the Isle were not in a condition to bear unnecessary charges.

The Rev. Gale Townley said, in reply to what had fallen from the last two speakers', that if the government would not direct the law officers to amend the presentments, they had it in their power to consult those law officers themselves. He then alluded to the state of the gaols at Wisbech, where in some cells at the present time there would be found six prisoners, in some five, and in others four, a portion of whom had, of course, to lie upon the floor. He was in favour of the original motion, and trusted it would meet with the approbation of the bench.

Wm Layton, Esq., said he had formerly been of opinion that the two gaols should be repaired, but now he thought that one would be better both on the ground of saving expense, and also on the ground that the discipline could be rendered more perfect.

Tycho Wing, Esq., addressed the court in answer to the remarks of the apponents of the resolution, and expressed his most decided concurrence in it.

A similar motion was carried with respect to the gaol at Ely, and also a motion to carry the former into immediate effect, which were both opposed by Mr Peyton, but like the former one carried by a majority of eleven to four.

Mr Peyton then withdrew his notice of a motion to the effect "that the magistrates preside in turn, or that one chairman be appointed for the Isle in the room of the two who sit alternately now." He had been led to give notice of this objection in consequence of the chairman at a former sessions thinking it his duty to make a second address to the Grand Jury, when a discussion was about to take place on the topics they were now discussing.

The Rev. Gale Townley said he had certainly felt it his duty, when the grand jury were called in on a former occasion, to open the subject they were about to discuss to them. He had felt then as he did now, that what he said was a portion of his duty. He would not be forced from the chair he had never coveted, but if the bench thought his conduct unfitted for it, they were at liberty to remove him.

The Rev. A. Peyton said he had withdrawn his notice on the ground that he thought it would be better for him to absent himself from a place where he was subject to personalities, which as a clergyman he could not resent, than follow out the course he had originally laid down for himself.

Prisoners

Charlotte Markham, was indicted for stealing some pieces of thread and cotton edging, from the shop of Mr. Wm. Cutliff a linen draper of Wisbech. – Guilty, she was sentenced to six months' hard labour. The prisoner was sobbing during the whole time of her being in court.

Elijah Butler (21) and John Foreman (92) were indicted for stealing two pigs, the property of Mr Orton, of Upwell, Foreman pleaded guilty. When they were called up for judgement, Foreman denied the guilt of Butler, and expressed a wish that all the punishment might fall upon him. The Court sentenced them both to six months' hard labour.

Ann Webb (30) indicted for stealing from Robert Orton £5 note, twelve sovereigns, a half sovereign, and some silver including a shilling with a hole in it. The prosecutor was an old man apparently on the brink of the grave, and the prisoner a woman travelling about the country with caps and night caps, and stating that she comes from Long Melford, in Suffolk. It appeared that some improper connection had taken place between the prosecutor and the prisoner by the road side, and while this was going on the prisoner abstracted the prosecutor's purse. The prisoner was

observed to throw something in the fen ditch after she left the prosecutor, which turned out to be his purse, and on her person, when taken, were found the number of sovereigns and shillings put by the prosecutor, with the marked shilling he could swear to. - Verdict guilty 7 years transportation.

George Church (21) a hawker of whips from Norwich, indicted for stealing above £50 in notes and sovereign from a trunk in a bedroom at the New Inn, at Wisbech, property of George Symes, a travelling tea dealer. The Jury found him guilty and he was sentenced to 7 years transportation although he declared his innocence in a forcible manner.

Henry Thurl (25) charged with stealing a coat, the property of William Pearson, of Newton. Verdict guilty – two years' hard labour.(correction in CC April 15) 3 months' hard labour.

Wm. Brighton Chamberlain, a well dressed man, and who it appeared was respectably connected, was charged with stealing a brass hook, and old Dutch coin, some spectacle cases, a tin canister, a chain, a brass box, and other articles of a trifling nature, the property of Mr Hall of Chatteris, with whom he was apprenticed. The articles were found in the prisoners box, but only the two first were sworn to by the prosecutor as the prisoner had bought the canister and the others were of so trifling nature and did not amount to a felony. 7 days hard labour.

Wm. Collins (30) found guilty of stealing two bushels of oats, property of Mr Cole of Wimblington – six months hard labour.

Henry Yorke (18) six months lard labour for stealing 3s. 7d from the shop of Elizabeth Norman, a pawnbroker of Wisbech.

Oliver Exton (30) sentenced to four months hard labour for stealing a leg of mutton, property of MacNeil, Butcher, Wisbech.

Charles Brown (51) pleaded guilty to stealing some soap at Wisbech, seven days' hard labour.

Joseph Smith (51) pleaded guilty to stealing nine cigars at Wisbech – seven days' hard labour.

Wm. Brown (22) pleaded guilty to stealing two brass-tipped rods, at Wisbech – seven days hard labour, the 3 last solitary.

Wm. Gowler (24) pleaded guilty to stealing a slop, at Thorney – one months' hard labour.

Francis Garrett, pleaded guilty to stealing a brand at Wisbech, six weeks' hard labour.

Hannah Phillips was acquitted of stealing neckerchiefs from Mr Catliff's at Wisbech.

April 15 1843

Homestall, and 20 Acres of Excellent Land
Ely Road, Waterbeach.
To be Sold by Auction, by Elliot Smith & Son
at the Swan Public House, Waterbeach, on Friday April 28th 1843
At seven o'clock in the evening.

Tithe Barn, Ely

The Ecclesiologist says – "We hear that the noble and almost unrivalled Early-English Barn at Ely has been recently demolished by the Dean and Chapter, on the ground that the repairs it required were too expensive.

The loss of this building, one of the very few of that date now left in England, is irreparable. The interior was divided like a church into three longitudinal compartments by oaken posts supporting the roof. This barn was longer than the nave, and as broad as the Choir of the Cathedral church.

Bedford Level

It will be seen by advertisement in another column that Mr Steed Girdlestone has resigned the office of auditor of the Bedford Level accounts, and that Mr Thomas Archer is a candidate for the appointment.

April 22 1843
Lamb Inn and Family Hotel, Ely
William Beecroft
Begs most respectfully to return his grateful thanks to the Nobility, Clergy, Gentry, Commercial Gentlemen, and public in general, for the kind and liberal patronage and support he has received during the time he has conducted the above establishment, and to inform them that he Retires from the business this present Lady-day.

Hugh Boughen
Begs to announce to the Nobility, Clergy, Gentry, Commercial Gentlemen, and public in general, that he has entered upon the above Inn and Family Hotel, and trusts, by civility, attention, and unremitting exertion, to merit a continuance of the favours so liberally bestowed on his predecessor, Mr Beecroft.

The greatest care will be taken to render the Posting department steady and efficient.

N. B. Good wines and well-aired Beds.
Ely April 5th 1843

The Spring Courts of the Rev. the Dean and Chapter of Ely will be holden as under
In the Isle of Ely
For the Manor of Mepal on Tuesday 25th day of April instant
For the Manor of Ely Porta, on Wednesday 26th day of April instant
For the Manor of Witcham and Wentworth, on Friday 28th day of April instant
For the Manor of Witchford, on Saturday 29th day of April instant.

The Ely Mechanics' Institution has a valuable addition of books this quarter, including about twenty volumes of Valpy's Family Classical Library.

Ely Mutual Aid Society
The second anniversary of this society was held at the Countess of Huntingdon's Chapel, when a sermon was preached by the Rev. R. Squibbs, from Titus 2. V. 6 – "Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded." The members afterwards adjourned to the schoolroom to dine.

April 29 1843
Fore Hill, Ely
New Elegant and Fashionable Household Furniture and other Effects
To Be Sold by Auction, by Matthew Scott
This day Saturday, April 29th
The Valuable and useful Household Furniture etc. of Mr J. Burnet, cabinet-maker, who is changing his residence.
Comprising, 6 mahogany nail-over chairs, a set of elegant Spanish mahogany chairs, with seats stuffed with hair, ditto Trafalgar ditto, rosewood vesper chair, 4 elbow chairs, straw chair, nursing and childs' chairs; 2 mahogany sofas, sofa with chintz cover; 2 mahogany dining tables, 2 Pembroke tables, work table, several washing and dressing tables, Japanese rose-wood chiffonier, elegant mahogany sweep-front and straight chests of drawers, mahogany Towel horse, night commode, 10 handsome swing glasses, 2 chimney glasses, tambour frame, on a new principle; 4 pictures, framed, lot of prints; tent and other bedsteads, mattresses, chamber ware, Brussels carpet, 17ft 6 in., by 10ft 6in., dresser, painted linen horse, pair of handsome mahogany bedposts 7ft 6in high; 2 mahogany window cornices, 3 rope door mats, 2 tea trays, sundry earthernware, and many other useful articles.

Also a quantity of mahogany, rosewood, and zebra-wood Veneers, lot of moulds, ditto horse hair, 1½ cwt of good Plock, 1 cwt of Alva Marine, several bottles of furniture oil and polish reviver, 20 good dry pine sweeps, sundry lots of Deal, Alder, Mahogany etc., 2 capital benches, 2 vices, bar Turning Lathe, feather dresser, line board, pair of steps, step ladder, handbarrow, grindstone, scales and weights, shop desk etc. etc.

The sale will commence punctually at One o'clock and the whole sold without any reserve.

Valuable Gig Horse, Mare Pony, 2 yr old Pony Filly
Two Tumbrils, Miller's Cart, Pony Gig, and Harness
Quantity of Building and Fencing Materials.
Core of Hay, etc
St Marys' Ely
To Be Sold by Auction, by George Legge
On the premises, near Mr Haylocks' Steam Engine, in St Mary's Street, Ely, on Friday 5th May, 1843 late the property of Mr Wilks deceased.

The Sale will commence at Two o'clock precisely, and the whole will be sold without reserve for Ready Money.
Catalogues from Auctioneer, High St, Ely.
High Street, Ely
To be Sold by Auction, by George Legge
On Monday 8th May 1843 at 11 o'clock
The whole of the Valuable household Furniture, Piano Forte, Glass, China, etc
Late the Property of Mrs Bull, deceased
Catalogues may be had a few days before the Sale of the Auctioneer, at his office in High St, Ely.
Viewing on Saturday May 6th.

High Street, Ely
Valuable Freehold Dwelling House
And Extensive Premises
To Be Sold by Auction, by George Legge
At the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 11th May next, between Six and Eight in the evening.

A Capital Freehold Dwelling House, having a frontage of about 29 feet, with Yard, Garden, convenient Offices, Coach-house, Stable, and other outbuildings, extending altogether in depth 140 feet, situate in the most desirable part of the High St, in Ely, late in occupation of Mrs Ann Bull. Immediate possession. The above premises are admirably adapted for a private residence, or for a business requiring extensive room.
Further particulars from Evans and Son or of Auctioneers, High St.

Turnpike Road
Leading from the Lamb Corner in Ely, to the Chequer Corner in
Downham, in the County of Norfolk, called the North District.
In pursuance of a Requisition from three of the Trustees of the said Turnpike road, Notice is hereby given, that a Special Meeting of the said Trustees will be holden at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Monday 15th May, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of considering the propriety of removing Scotting's Bridge Toll Gate or Bars to a more eligible situation or of erecting a Side Bar by the side of the said Road, and on general business.

Turnpike Tolls to be Let

Notice is hereby given That the Tolls arising at the Toll Gates upon the Turnpike-road leading from Ely to Downham, in the county of Norfolk, called or known by the names of Chettisham and Fordham Turnpike Gates, together with the Toll House near the gates, will be let by Auction for three years, (that is to say), the said Gate called Chettisham Gate from the tenth day of July next, and the said gate called Fordham Gate from fourteenth July next, to the best bidder, at the house of Robert Walker called or known by the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Monday 15th May next at Twelve noon, in the manner directed by the Act passed in the third year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the Fourth – "For Regulating Turnpike-Roads;" which Tolls produced the last Three years as follows, (that is to say), Chettisham Gate the sum of £313 per annum, and Fordham Gate the sum of £431 per annum, above the expense of collecting them, and will be put up at those sums respectively.

Whoever happens to be the best bidder for each of the said Gates must, at the same time deposit in the hands of the Chairman the sum of Fifty Pounds to be forfeited to the Trustees on non-performance of the Conditions of Letting, by which conditions, among other stipulations, the hirer will be required to pay two months' in advance of the rent at which such Tolls may be let, and give security at his own expense, with sufficient sureties to the satisfaction of the Trustees, within ten days from the day of letting, for payment of the rest of the said rent by prospective monthly instalments.
Dated this 21st day of April, 1843
H. R. Evans
Clerk to the Trustees of the Turnpike Road.

May 6 1843

Marriage
At Ely, on Wednesday last, Mr Charles Mainprice, wine and spirit merchant, to Anne, only daughter of Mr James Cheesewright.

On Tuesday 2nd inst., at St Andrews, Holborn, Charles Edward Kolle Esq., of North place, Gray's-Inn-lane, to Jane Ellen, second daughter of James Golborne Esq., of Witcham, Isle of Ely.

Death - On Tuesday last, at Littleport, aged 64, Mr James Luddington, farmer.

The Gaols
Active measures have been taken this week for the purpose of getting a large meeting of the rate payers of the Isle of Ely, to be held at Chatteris, for the purpose of adopting proceedings for preventing the erection of a Court House and House of Correction at Wisbech. The requisitions for that purpose have been very numerously signed and doubtless the meeting will be both numerously and respectably attended.

Longevity
Within three months three persons died in the parish of Holy Trinity in Ely, whose united ages amounted to 274 years – viz: William Fenn, 96, Mrs Bull, 94, and Richard Lindall, 84. We believe they resided nearly all their lives in the parish, enjoying the use of their faculties till the last, and the two ancient men attended to their business within a few days of their deaths.

May 13 1843

Marriage on Tuesday last, at Doddington, in the Isle of Ely, (by the Rev. W. C. Hanson), Mr Odlin, of Stamford, to Juliana, daughter of the late Thomas Richards, gent, of Stonea Grange.

May 20 1843

Death – On the 10th inst., at Stretham, near Ely, in the 96th year of her age, Mary, relict of Mr. John Read, formerly of that place.

We beg to direct attention to an advertisement in another column, signed by the owners and occupiers of property in the Isle of Ely, requesting a public meeting to take into consideration the best means of opposing the erection of a new Court house, etc., at Wisbech.

May 27 1843

Fen Bank Burst

On Thursday week, the Bank of the Hundred Foot River broke. The volume of water must have been immense, as it forced down about forty yards; the next day was one of anxiety and activity, to get the stock removed with all speed; the previous day having been the first of putting stock on. There is much doubt whether the pasture can be again stocked for a month, and should the weather be hot, it will probably scald the grass and cause it to die for this season. The farmers will find great inconvenience in the necessity for putting the stock on their highland pasture.

June 3 1843

The Isle of Ely Gaols

Letter from W. G. Townley to the Right Hon. Sir James Graham, Home Office

No.1

Dear Sir,

We are in sad confusion about our Ely Gaols.

I have hitherto avoided troubling you, but there is now no delicacy on the subject, as it was stated publicly on Wednesday last at the Ely Sessions, that the government, the Curtos, and all the world were opposed to our having two gaols; for my own part I do not see how we are to avoid it. We are therefore anxious to come to an understanding with the government on the subject. The act by which the civil jurisdiction was taken away from the see of Ely retains particularly the two gaols. Neither Ely nor Wisbech was likely to give way.

Improvement was imperitive, and we did the best we could. Our opponents having been present at several early meetings, absented themselves for Twelve months, whilst we were making our arrangements procuring plans, purchasing sites, and now endeavour to thwart us upon technicalities, and object to the form of our presentment of the Wisbech House of Correction and Sessions House; for my own part I consider that in all public business, gentlemen are bound by certain conventional rules, which preclude their taking exceptions to matters from which they have absented themselves in an early stage. I am sure it ought to be so. You have received a report from Messrs Jebb, who were present when I was chairman in Jan. last. I wish not to draw from you but simply to declare my own; yet, if through our Clerk of the Peace, you can put this very unpleasant business in a train for settlement, you will be doing us great service. The gaol at Ely is now progressing, and there is not space to build one gaol of sufficient dimensions for the whole Isle, eventually then we must build at Wisbech. If the Government would kindly consult the Law Officers of the Crown on our presentment, we should feel extremely obliged; if not, we shall, I believe, immediately take the opinion of Sir Wm. Follett, and either persevere in our presentment, or form a fresh one under his direction. Previous to the late Ely Sessions, there were six prisoners in one cell, five in another, four in another, embracing all the comforts of Calcutta, and the accommodation of a slave sip. Something must be done, and speedily. It is far from the wish of the Magistrates, with whom I am acting, to put the Isle of Ely to unnecessary expense; indeed I am convinced that our scheme will be less expensive than an entirely new construction on a central spot; much less are we wishing to interfere with any improvement in prison discipline. You will, I am sure, excuse the liberty I am taking in addressing you. I feel bound to defend both myself and my brother Magistrates from the attacks which have been made upon us; and I conclude with entreating you to help us out of our difficulties if possible.

I have the honour to remain dear Sir, your Truly

Wm. Gale Townley.

Beapre April 11th

To the Right Hon. Sir James Graham.

No.2
Whitehall April 15th 1843.
Sir
I am directed by Secretary Sir James Graham, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst., and to inform you that after the decision of the Magistrates, it is now fully understood that there are to be two gaols for the Isle of Ely, and that in providing suitable accommodation for prisoners, there ought not to be, and must not be, any unreasonable delay. Any obstructions or delay caused by technical objections to the form of the presentment ought to be discouraged: with respect to the proper form of the presentment the usual course in such a case is for those who make the presentment to take the opinion of counsel if they think it necessary.
I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant
S. M. Phillips
To the Rev. Wm. G. Townley etc.

No. 3
Limmers' Hotel, May 26 1843
Sir
The Cambridge Advertiser of the 24th inst., contains your letter to Mr Peyton, complaining on the part of Sir James Graham of my "unauthorized publication" of that which I received from you, written under his direction, and dated the 15th April last. I regret extremely there should have arisen any misunderstanding as to whether that letter was to be considered public or not. I must, however, in justice to myself, request you to remember that I asked for no opinion; yet you were directed to give a most decided one. How could I suppose for a moment, that so officially given, it could be considered or intended to be private: I may add, for what purpose written, but that of settling the question of the Isle of Ely gaols, and setting at rest the minds of the rate-payers? Finding that a meeting was getting up, and a memorial extensively signing, I thought the time for its publication arrived, and I did so on my own responsibility alone. I beg leave to add, that Sir James Graham is quite at liberty to give up my letter, although I do not see why Mr Peyton should demand it more than any other person, especially as no names were mentioned, no facts stated but what have been more than once declared in the face of our opponents.

Besides this, it had no influence upon the opinion given, which mainly rested on the decision of the Magistrates that there should be two gaols. You see the unfortunate situation in which the Isle of Ely is placed: I shall now repeat what I said in my former letter. "If the Government can put this very unpleasant business in a train for settlement, they will be doing us great service." We cannot retreat; and I believe this weeks county papers will contain our advertisement for tenders for erecting the Sessions House and new Gaol at Wisbech.
W. Gale Townley
To S. M. Phillips Esq., Home Office.

10 June 1843

Ely Union - Bread and Flour Contract
The Board of Guardians of the above Union, give notice, that they will, at their Weekly Meeting at the Union Workhouse, in Ely, on Thursday 15th inst., receive Tenders for supplying the said Workhouse and Out-door Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief Districts with the following articles, from 22nd inst., to the 21st day of September next. Inclusive viz
Good Third Flour, at per stone
Bread, made of the same quality of Flour (24 hours old) at per 4lb loaf
Beef without bone, Mutton and Suet, at per stone
To be delivered to the said Workhouse at such times, and in such quantities as the Board of Guardians shall order, and to be supplied to the Paupers in every Parish, in such quantities as shall be expressed in tickets issued by the Relieving Officer.
N.B. Each Tender must be for supplying One Relief District, at least.

Sealed Tenders, indorsed "Tenders for Bread and Flour", to be left at my office, the day previous to the Meeting, otherwise they will not be received, and Samples must be produced at the Board.

The Relieving Officers have strict orders to settle with the Contractors every week for goods ordered by them.

Contractors to give such security for the due performance of their Contracts, as the Board may require; but the Guardians do not pledge themselves to accept the lowest, or any of the Tenders.

N. B. All persons having any demands upon the said Union, are requested to send in their bills to me on or before 30th instant, containing full particulars of all the articles furnished, or work done under the order of the Board, up to and including the 22nd instant accompanied with the orders themselves.
By Order of the Board
William Marshall, Clerk
Ely, June 1, 1843

Isle of Ely
At a Public Meeting of Owners and Occupiers of Rateable Property within the Isle of Ely, convened by public advertisement, and holden at Chatteris on Friday 9th June, 1843 "to take into consideration the best means of Opposing the contemplated Erection of a New Court House and House of Correction at Wisbech, and also to pass such Resolutions thereon, and to take such measures in reference thereto (where by Memorial, Petition, Protest, or otherwise) as might be then agreed on".
J. W. Childers, Esq., M.P in the chair;
The following Resolutions were unanimously adopted.
Proposed by Thos. Fryer, Esq., seconded by Mr Colledge,
"That the following report was made by the Inspector of Prisons in 1840 – "The two Prisons in the Isle of Ely are among the most inconvenient and ill-constructed I have ever visited. I am persuaded that one well regulated House of Correction for the whole Isle would be found more beneficial than two ineffective ones on a small scale." That this meeting fully concurring in the above report is of opinion that only one House of Correction is necessary for the Isle of Ely, and that to erect a new House of Correction at Wisbech, in order to perpetrate two Houses of Correction in the Isle of Ely, is contrary to sound policy, is opposed to the opinion of her Majesty's government declared in a letter from the Secretary of State to the Duke of Bedford, dated Oct. 14, 1842, and in another letter to the Chairman of the Quarter Sessions, dated February 23, 1843, and will be highly injurious to the Isle by imposing a heavy burden upon property which will be annual and permanent."

Proposed by the Rev. Mr. Law, seconded by Mr John Vipan – "That the resolutions and proposed measures of the Justices of the Peace in Quarter Sessions assembled, in relation to the Isle Houses of Correction, are in total disregard of the declared wishes of the charge bearers, as expressed in a memorial signed by upward of 2,000 rate-payers, are at variance with the principals of the Gaol Acts, requiring the best practicable system of prison discipline, and are regarded by this meeting with the greatest regret as proceeding from a mistaken view of the spirit of the public trust with which the Justices are invested."

Proposed by Mr Joseph Saberton Saberton, seconded by Mr James Cropley – "That this meeting solemnly protests against the impolicy and injustices of measures involving the permanent establishment of two Houses of Correction in so small a district as the Isle of Ely, at a cost for one of them to be newly erected at Wisbech for more than sufficient to procure at Ely, where amply means exist, one efficient and well-regulated House of Correction for the whole Isle; and that this meeting pledges itself, collectively and individually, to use all proper means to prevent those measures being carried into effect."

Proposed by Mr Read of Whittlesea, seconded by Mr. W. Nix – "That in the opinion of this meeting the present court of justice at Wisbech is convenient and amply sufficient for all the purposes for which it is required, (being a modern building, and in the centre of the town), and that it is wholly unnecessary to incur any expense in the erection for new Court of Justice at Wisbech."

Proposed by Mr Daniel Fryer and seconded by Mr Henry Lawrence "That the thanks of this meeting are due and are offered to those Justices who have opposed the erection of a new House of Correction and Court of Justice at Wisbech, and that they be respectfully requested to continue their exertions to protect the rate-payers against so improvident and expenditure of the public money."

Proposed by Mr Wm. Martin and seconded by Mr Thomas Vipan, "That the Chairman be requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to the Curtos Rotulorum and to the Chairman of the Quarter Sessions, and that a Memorial founded upon these resolutions be forthwith signed by the rate-payers, and be presented to her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department by the Chairman of this Meeting, and that these resolutions be advertised in the County papers."

Mr Childers having vacated the Chair:

Proposed by Mr Samuel Staffurth and seconded by Mr Henry Martin "That the thanks of this meeting be presented to J. W. Childers, Esq., for his able conduct in the Chair, and for the valuable assistance he has rendered to the cause of the rate-payers by presiding on the present occasion.

June 17 1843

Death at Ely, on Sunday last, aged 84, Miss Nunn.

On the same day, aged 56, the widow of the late Mr. Christopher Legge, auctioneer etc., whom she survived but a few weeks.

Police Outrage

One Monday last policeman Hawkins, of the Isle of Ely constabulary force, was committed to the house of correction for assaulting Varnham Cross of Prickwillow near Ely, late on Sunday evening. The parties were at the Fox and Hounds in the evening; when Cross and his brother proceeded home, they were followed by the police, who threw Cross's brother. Cross then requested Hawkins to let him go home quietly, upon which he drew his cutlass, and cut him on the face and hand.

The two Cross's took to their heels and ran away, or the consequences might have been more serious.

The Crops

The Fen crops are looking exceedingly well, but the heavy lands have suffered from the late rains.

Thetford near Ely.
Eighty acres of very valuable Freehold Pasture and Grass Land
With Excellent Homestall and Farm Buildings.
Land Tax redeemed and nearly tithe-free, being subject to a
Modus Rent Charge of £1.11.8d on the whole estate.
To be Sold by Auction in July next by Joseph Wentworth.

June 24 1843

Accident to the Secretary of the Bishop of Ely

On the evening of Tuesday last, an accident occurred to the respected gentleman who officiates as Secretary to the Bishop, which might have been attended with very serious consequences. He was staying at the Swan Hotel, Bedford, with his Lordship, and in the evening in question sat up to rather a late hour writing. When he was about to retire to bed he opened a door on the landing, thinking it belonged to his bedroom, but which was unfortunately at the top of a flight of stairs. He

stepped forward and was immediately precipitated down several of the stairs and was seriously bruised. The respected gentleman escaped further injury, and we are happy to say, was enabled to attend the confirmation on the following day.

The Isle of Ely Gaols
To the Editor of the Cambridge Chronicle
Sir
May I request you will insert in your paper this week the following letter which I have addressed to the Editor of the Cambridge Advertiser.
R. G. Townley

Sir
My attention was directed by a friend, a day or two since, in London, to the report on the proceedings at the Chatteris meeting, held on 9th June, on the subject of the Isle of Ely Gaols as given in your paper of last week.

Mr. D. Fryer is reported to have made use of the following expressions with respect to myself:-

"There was a person of the name of Townley, who had qualified purposely to vote against them on this subject and did not possess a single inch of land in the Isle, nor did he contribute to the rates.

Mr D. Fryer in these few words has, in the first place, asserted as fact, that which he could not know to be true, and which I most positively deny. In the second place, Mr. D. Fryer asserts that which he might have ascertained was not fact. My reply is that "I do possess at least an inch of land in the Isle."

Mr D. Fryer was undoubtedly at liberty to make remarks on any act of mine, even in my absence, and in such terms as might best please himself and his audience. But even now I can scarcely believe, that any man of common sense should imagine his cause could be advanced by making assertions (as facts) which might be disproved.

R. G. Townley
Fulbourne June 19 1843

July 1 1843
Burnt Fen, Ely
Valuable Estate
To Be Sold by Auction (by George Legge)
At the Lamb Inn, Ely, on Monday 31st July next,
at Twelve o'clock at noon subject to conditions
of sale as will then be produced.
A Very Desirable Farm
Lying next Miles' End Drove, in Burnt Fen, in Ely comprising Farm House with Barn, Bullock Lodges, Stable, and about 183 Acres of Productive land, now in occupation of W. Layton Esq., whose tenancy expires at Michaelmas next.

The above farm is held under a Lease from the See of Ely, for twenty-one years from Michaelmas 1841.

About thirty acres have been clayed, and the whole is in an excellent state of cultivation.
Further particulars of Evans and Son, or the Auctioneer, High St, Ely.

Haddenham

On Wednesday last the anniversaries of the Queens' Coronation and the Haddenham Philharmonic Society were celebrated in Mr. Henry Porters' garden, in a spacious pavilion erected for that purpose, when about forty gentlemen sat down to a most excellent dinner provided by the host of the Red Lion Inn. After the cloth was drawn several toasts were drank, and there was abundance of music and singing. In the evening tea was provided and about one hundred ladies and gentlemen partook of it. At nine o'clock dancing commenced, and upwards of thirty couples were enjoying that social amusement at one time.

The party was of the highest respectability, consisting of the principal inhabitants of the parish and adjoining villages. They separated at an early hour, highly delighted with their evenings' amusement.

Isle of Ely Sessions
Held on Wednesday last at Wisbech, before the Rev. Henry Fardell, Chairman, R. G. Townley, Esq., the Rev. Gale Townley, the Rev. Jeremiah Jackson, W. Layton Esq., etc. etc.

Appeals
Elm, appellants; Thorney, respondents – Mr Pryme, for the respondents, moved to quash their own order on the ground of informality.

Soham, Cambridgeshire appellants; Wisbech St Peter's, respondents, Mr Naylor moved to enter this appeal, and to respite it until the next sessions.

Caxton, Cambridgeshire appellants; Ely St Mary's, respondents, Mr Couch moved to enter and respite this appeal.

Prisoners

Susan Cornwell (18) charged with stealing a pair of boots from the shop of Mr. William Watten, in Ely Trinity. Pleaded guilty, sentenced to one months' imprisonment, to be kept to household work.

Daniel Brundle (19) charged with stealing three penny pieces and two half-pence, the property of John Ellingham, publican at Littleport, with whom he lodged. Guilty, but in view of the circumstances sentenced to only one calendar month of hard labour.

John Devarney (20) an Irishman, resident at Whittlesey, charged with having stolen a pig, the property of Thos. Drake of Whittlesey, guilty three months' hard labour.

Wm. Wade (41) a man of gigantic stature, indicted for obtaining money under false pretences by presenting a false ticket for the delivery of bones at the mill of Mr Clark of Whittlesey, pleaded guilty, severely lectured by the Chairman, sentenced to six months' hard labour.

Wm. Green (23) charged with stealing a silver watch the property of Edward Dade, publican, of Murrow, in Wisbech St Peter's. Not guilty.

Joseph Howard, at large on bail, charged with stealing a shawl, property of Rebecca Jewson, housekeeper at the Cross Keys, Wisbech St Peter's. Acquitted.

Richard Stanmore (58) pleaded guilty to two indictments charging him with stealing tools property of Daniel Ruff, of March, and Joseph Clark of Wimblington, excellent character. One months' hard labour.

Francis Markly (22) guilty of stealing a handkerchief at Elm. Fourteen days hard labour.

James Burton (58) guilty of stealing a ham at Wisbech St Peter's. 14 days hard labour.

Richard Franklin (20) pleaded guilty to stealing some articles of jewellery, at Wisbech. Three calendar months' hard labour, the last week in solitary.

Benj. Bradfield pleaded guilty saying he was sorry for it, to a charge of stealing a watch from the shop of Luke Briggs at Wisbech St Peter's. Two moths' hard labour.

James Evans (47) twice convicted before the magistrates for leaving his family chargeable to Ely Trinity, ordered to be kept to hard labour for six months, the first and last week to be solitary.

Thetford near Ely
80 Acres of the richest Pasture and Grass Land in the
County, with Capital Homestall and Farm Building,
Freehold, Land Tax Redeemed, and nearly tithe-Free,
being subject to a Rent charge of only £1.11.8d on the entire Estate.
To Be Sold by Auction
By Joseph Wentworth.
At the Lamb Inn, Ely, on Thursday 6th July 1843, at Four o'clock in the afternoon, in the following lots, or in such a manner as shall be determined upon by the Vendor at the time of sale.
The growing Timber on the several Lots will be included.

Lot 1 A Substantial Brick built Farm-House enclosed in front by a brick wall, with Farmyard adjoining, and a range of buildings on the left-hand side, comprising Bullock and other sheds, and another range of newly-erected timber and tiled Stables and open sheds on the right hand side, together with a Pump of fine water.
The House is roomy and in excellent order throughout.

Also Three valuable pieces of old enclosed land adjoining the Home-stall and containing therewith the following quantities or thereabouts.

		A	R	P
1	Homestall Buildings, and Farmyard, including the site of the Pound which is not sold		2	7
2	Dove house Close, now a garden	2	0	1
3	Ash Grove (wood)		1	2
4	Camping close (Pasture)	6	2	5
		9	1	15

With this Lot will be sold the Right of Common as now exercised over Holt Fen, in the Parish of Waterbeach.
The above are now in occupation of Benjamin Pope. Tithe Rent charge 9s. 9d.

Lot 2 A piece of Grassland, now in occupation of Freeman Hazelwood, abutting upon the River Cam and containing 3A 3R 7P, or thereabouts, and numbered 5 on the plan. And another piece of Grass Land, adjoining the last, now in occupation of John Lister and Wm. Morden containing 13A 1R 5P or thereabouts numbered 6 on the plan. Total quantity 17A 0R 12P.
A Right of way 20 ft wide will be set out to this Lot over Lot 3 as shown on the plan. This Lot is subject to a Tithe Rent of 5s 4d. Eau Brink and South Level Taxes 6d an acre.
Lot 3 Another piece of Grass Land, adjoining the last, now in occupation of James Yarrow and containing 11A 1R 12P and numbered 7 on the plan.
This Lot is sold subject to a Right of Way 20 ft wide, as shown on the plan to Lot 2. Tithe Rent charge, 3s 6d. Eau Brink and South Level taxes.
Lot 4 Two Pieces of valuable Pasture High Land, now in occupation of Francis Yarrow, containing 9A 3R 23 P or thereabouts, and numbered 8 and 9 on the plan.
The purchaser of this Lot is to have Right of Way as now exercised and enjoyed over Lot 7 to the Ely Road, as shown on the Plan. Tithe Rent charge 3s 1d.
Lot 5 Two pieces of valuable Pasture High Land, adjoining the last, now in occupation of Wm. Yarrow, and Francis Lister containing together 14A 2R 1P or thereabouts, and numbered 10 and 11 on the plan.
This Lot has direct communication with the Ely Road. Tithe Rent Charge. 4s. 6d
Lot 6 Two pieces of valuable High Pasture Land, adjoining the last, also having a direct communication with the Ely road, in the occupation of Benjamin Pope, containing together 14A 0R 24P or thereabouts, and numbered 12 and 13 on the plan. Tithe Rent Charge 4s. 6d.

Lot 7 A very valuable Piece of Pasture called Green Grove, with a long frontage next the Ely Road, as now occupied by Wm. Hazelwood, containing 3A 1R 4P or thereabouts, and numbered 14 on the plan.
This Lot is sold subject to a Right of Way as now exercised, from the Ely road to Lot 4 in the direction shown on the plan. Tithe Rent charge 1s.
All Tenants are under Notice to quit at next Michaelmas.
The above is well situated within about two miles of Ely, and is presumed to be extremely valuable as accommodation land; a portion of which fronts the Ely road, and whether for occupation or investment J. W. with confidence recommends it to the public as being a safe and desirable property to possess. Should any portion of it be purchased for investing capital, the present tenants are most anxious to continue at ample and remunerating rents, rendering it at once a secure speculation. The whole is Freehold, Land Tax redeemed, and nearly Tithe free, being subject only to the trifling sum of £1. 11. 8d, as a modus Rent charge, and which will be apportioned upon the several lots.

Mr James Yarrow, of Thetford, will show the Lots, and printed particulars with plans and conditions of sale may be obtained at the office of Christopher Pemberton Esq., of Cambridge, or of the Auctioneer, opposite Trinity College.

July 8 1843
The Isle of Ely Gaols
We have been requested to publish the following reply to the memorial from the Isle of Ely on the subject of the Gaols:-

The Secretary of State to J. W. Childers Esq., M. P.

"Sir,
I am directed by Secretary Sir James Graham to acknowledge receipt of a Memorial from certain owners and occupiers of property in the Isle of Ely, and I am inform you that Sir James Graham was of opinion that it would have been desirable to have one gaol rather then two for the whole district, but the justices have decided otherwise, and Sir James Graham has no authority to control their decision.
I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant
S. M. Phillips."

Two Brothers Drowned.
Yesterday week a sad and distressing accident occurred in Ely, which caused quite consternation for a short time. Some boys were gathering food for their rabbits, in the Cresswells, near the City, when two of them went bathing in the river near Cuttriss's mill; one of them George Holmes, aged 8 years, went beyond his depth, his brother William, aged 11 years, seeing him struggling in the water, and who had endeavoured to dissuade his brother George in vain from going into the water immediately plunged in with his clothes on, to endeavour to extricate him from his perilous situation, and in the praiseworthy endeavour having grasped fast hold of him sunk, and no assistance being at hand, both were drowned. Their companions horror struck and affrighted ran into the town to give the alarm, and after a lapse of near an hour, the two bodies were found together: the elder having fast hold of his brother's arm. The father of the two boys was drowned at Lynn about 1 year since, the feelings of the bereaved widow at the loss of her whole family can be better imagined than described.

A Coroners' inquest was afterwards held before H. R Evans, jun., gent. when a verdict of accidental death was returned.
July 15 1843
Marriage at Attleborough, Norfolk, on Tuesday last, Mr John Bacon, jun, of Ely, to Elizabeth, eldest daughter, of Mr John Sparkhall, of Wymondham.

July 22 1843
Turnpike Road, Leading from the Lamb Corner in Ely to Littleport, in the Isle of Ely, and from thence to Chequer Corner in Downham, in the County of Norfolk, called the North District. Notice is hereby given, that at a Meeting of the Trustees of the Said District, holden at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, in pursuance of notice duly given for that purpose (and at which seven of the Trustees were present) they, the seven Trustees did order and direct that the present Turnpike gate, called Scottings' Bridge Gate, with the Toll House thereto belonging, situate at Littleport, and within the said District, shall be taken down and removed to and placed at a certain place across the Turnpike Road, called Burnt Fen Bank, near to the dwelling house of Mr Smith Flanders, and between the same and the barn, in the occupation of Mr Charles Moseley; and opposite to the Division Ditch between the farm of the said Smith Flanders and the said Charles Moseley; and that from and after the sixth day of August next, all the Tolls now payable and collected at the said Turnpike Gate, called Scottings' Bridge Gate, shall be payable and collected at the said place, to which the said Turnpike Gate and Toll House shall be removed as aforesaid, and that all the said Gates and side Bars now standing near the said present Turnpike Gate and Toll House, shall, from and after the said sixth day of August next be discontinued and taken down.
Dated 18th day of July, 1843
H. R. Evans, Clerk to the Trustees.

July 29 1843

August 6 1843
Child Poisoned by Mistake
An inquest was held at Upwell, Isle of Ely, on Tuesday last, on view of the body of Hannah Horn, an infant a few days old, which died on the preceding day. It appeared that on Sunday evening about seven o'clock, the nurse gave the child about 5 or 6 drops of laudanum by mistake instead of Godfrey's cordial, having both in the house. She dropped seven drops of the laudanum into a spoon, but discovered her mistake by the child's refusing to swallow it, and immediately threw the spoon on the floor with, it is supposed one or two drops of laudanum in it. Medical aid was immediately resorted to, but the child died the next day about noon. A verdict was returned in accordance with the above facts.

August 12 1843
Birth at Ely, on the 30th ult. Mrs H. R. Evans, of a daughter.

Ely A short time ago the Very Rev. the Dean was informed of some pavement being in the Green, north-west of the choir, of curious workmanship and ancient date. It was first discovered by the Rev. Geo. Millers, about thirty years since, who had his attention drawn to it by a man digging for worms. Mr. M. had taken some up and a drawing was made of it. On Friday se'nnight the place was again opened, and a pavement to the extent of 27ft by 12 ft is now to be seen. It varies from a foot to a foot and a half in depth, and shews great care in placing the various bricks in regular order. There are two circles, above the size of a large coach wheel, and the other in square bricks. They are ornamental, and a few show marks of glazing, which would lead to the supposition that they were all of that character. The thickness is about an inch, and the colour red. It is supposed that the Dean will have them laid in some place for public inspection. The pavement is about the centre of the choir (N) there was an entrance which is closed; and this must have been the passage which led from the Cathedral to Trinity Church.

The Bishop of Ely will hold an Ordination at Ely, on Advent Sunday 3rd December next.

Candidates for Holy Orders are desired to transmit the requisite papers (pre-paid) to his Lordships' secretary, John Burder, Esq., 27 Parliament Street, Westminster, on or before 4th November next. Candidates for Deacons Orders (except on College Titles) are to give immediate notice to the Bishop, at the Palace, Ely, of their intention to offer themselves, unless they have already had communication with his Lordship.
Palace, Ely 4th Aug, 1843

August 19 1843
Whitehall, August 10, 1843
The Queen has been pleased to grant unto John Townshend, of Lower Grosvenor street, in the County of Middlesex and of Chatteris, in the Isle of Ely and County of Cambridge, Esq., one of the Burgesses in Parliament for the Borough of Bodmin, her royal licence and authority that he and his issue may discontinue the surname of Townshend, and henceforth take and use the surnames of Dunn Gardner, and that they may bear and use the arms of Dunn and Gardner quarterly, with such distinction as may be the laws of arms be required.

Manea
On Tuesday morning this place was visited with a storm of rain and hail, accompanied with vivid lightening and thunder, and it is said of greater strength than the storm of the previous Wednesday. A hay-stack, belonging to Mr. Weldon, was struck by the lightening and consumed.

Soham
Tower Wind Mill and Mercantile Premises
To be Sold by Auction (by George Legge)
At the Crown Inn, in Soham, on Monday 28th August inst., between five and seven, subject to such conditions as shall then be produced. The following:-
Most Valuable and Extensive Property
Situate in Hall St in Soham
A Capital Dwelling-House, containing parlour, keeping-room, shop, and seven bedrooms with suitable and convenient offices etc. and large Yard in the centre of which stands a Five-Story Tower Wind-Mill with patent Sails and Fan-tail, gears and tackle complete; and working two pair of French stones, dressing mill, etc., with floors capable of holding 500 quarters.

Also Two Double-floor Granaries, Barn, Stable, Coach-house, Calves and Pig Pens, Cart Lodge etc., and a Garden and Orchard adjoining, containing 1A 2R the whole of which premises are now in occupation of Mr H. F. Wilks.

The above Premises are Copyhold of the Manor of Soham and Fordham, are in excellent repair and comprise a Frontage of 100 ft, and are well adapted for carrying on a very extensive Mercantile and Milling business.

Possession may be had at Michaelmas next.

Particulars of Evans & Son, Solicitors, or from Auctioneer, Ely.
August 26 1843
Ely Union
Appointment of Relieving Officer
The Board of Guardians of the above Union give notice, that they will, at their Meeting, to be held at the Board-room in the Union Workhouse in Ely, on Thursday 7th September next, at 12 o'clock proceed to the appointment of a Relieving Officer for the "Haddenham Relief District in the said Union, comprising the parishes of Haddenham, Sutton, Stretham, Wilburton, Mepal, Witcham, Coveney, Wentworth, and Thetford, with an area of about 35,000 acres, and a population of 7,182 souls, according to the last census.
The salary will be £80 per annum.
No person will be appointed unless he shall be able to keep Accounts, and unless he shall reside in the District for which he may be appointed to act, devote his whole time to the performance of his duties of his office, not follow any trade or profession or enter into any other service, and undertake to give one months' notice previous to resigning the office or quitting the service, or to forfeit one months' amount of salary due at the time of resignation.

The successful Candidate will be required to enter into a bond, with two sufficient sureties, in the penal sum of £300 for the due and faithful performance of the duties of the office.

Candidates will be required to attend personally at the time and place above named, and to be prepared with Testimonials as to their fitness for the Appointment, and the names of their proposed sureties; or they may forward them beforehand to the Clerk of the Union addressed to him at Ely.
By Order of the Board
W. Marshall, Clerk

Ely Union Contracts
The Board of Guardians of the above Unions, give notice, that they will , at their Meeting at the Union Workhouse, in Ely, on Thursday 7th September next, receive Tenders for supplying the said Workhouse and the Out-door Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief Districts, with the following Articles, from 21st Sept. to 20th December next.
Good Thirds Flour, at per stone
Bread made of the same quality of Flour (24 hours old) 4lb Loaf
Beef (without bone), Mutton, and Suet, at per stone
They are also desirous of contracting from 21st Sept. to 21st March next, for such quantities of the undermentioned Articles as may from time to time be required at the said workhouse, for the use of the said Union.
Provisions etc
Cheese, Rice, and Potatoes, at per cwt.
Hard yellow soap, Salt, moist sugar, Oatmeal and Soda, at per stone
Butter, Tea, and Dip Candles, at per lb
Peas, at per coomb; Ale and Milk, at per gallon
Coals at per ton; Turf at per 1000
Port wine and Best British Brandy, at per pint
Clothing etc
Beaverteen, for boys' suits, at per yard
Strong grey Army Cloth, for old mens' suits;
and twilled Calico, for lining the same, at per yard
Mens' and Boys; strong Dowlas Shirts, at per dozen
Bed ticking and Sheeting, at per yard
Mens' Womens' boys', and girls] ankle Shoes; and strong knitted worsted
Stockings, at per pair
Worsted, at per lb; Cocoa-nut Fibre, at per cwt.
Flannel and Shroud Flannel, Hemp, calico and Chambry, at per yard

Sealed tenders, indorsed "Tenders for Bread and Flour", to be left at y office, the day previous to the meeting, otherwise they will not be received, and samples must be produced at the board.

The relieving Officers have strict orders to settle with the Contractors every week for goods ordered by them.

Contractors to give such security for the due performance of their Contracts, as the Board may require; but the Guardians do not pledge themselves to accept the lowest, or any of the Tenders.

N.B. All persons having any demands upon the said Union, are requested to send in their bills to me n or before 30th instant, containing full particulars of all the articles furnished, or work done under the order of the Boars, up to and including the 20th instant accompanied with the orders themselves.
By order of the Board
William Marshall, Clerk

September 9 1843

Isle of Ely
In the County of Cambridgeshire
Notice is hereby given, that Nathaniel Palmer Esq. the Barrister appointed to Revise the List of Voters in the Election of Knights of the Shire for the County of Cambridge, has appointed Courts to be held for the Revision of such Lists, so far as respects the Isle of Ely, in the said County at the places and times, and for the Several Districts after mentioned (that is to say)
At the Sessions House in the City of Ely on Monday the 25th day of September instant, at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, for Revising the said List for the parishes following:-
In the Hundred of Ely
Downham, St. Mary in Ely, The Holy Trinity in Ely, Littleport
In the South part of the Hundred of Witchford
Coveney, Haddenham, Mepal, Stretham, Sutton, Thetford, Wentworth, Wilburton, Witchford.
In the North part of the Hundred of Witchford
Chatteris, Manea, Welches Dam.

Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace for the Isle of Ely
Wisbech 4th September, 1843

Turnpike Tolls to Let
Notice is hereby given, that the Tolls arising at the several Toll-gates upon the Turnpike Road leading from Cambridge to Ely, called or known by the names Cambridge and Milton Turnpike Gates together with the Toll Houses and Side Gates belonging thereto respectively will be Let by Auction, for three years to the best bidder, at the house of Mr. Hugh Boughen, called or known by the Lamb Inn, in Ely, aforesaid, on Wednesday, 20th day of September next, at the hour of twelve at noon, in the manner directed by the Act passed in the third year of the reign of his late Majesty King George Fourth "for Regulating Turnpike Roads" which Tolls produced the last three years the sum of six hundred and ninety pounds per annum above the expense of collecting them, and will be put up at such sum as shall be agreed upon by the Trustees present at the said letting.

Whoever happens to be the best bidder, must at the same time deposit in the hands of the Chairman of the said meeting the sum of fifty pounds, to be forfeited to the Trustees on non-performance of the conditions of letting, by which conditions, among other stipulations the hirer will be required to pay two months in advance of the rent at which such Tolls may be let and give security at his own expence, with sufficient sureties to the satisfaction of the Trustees of the said Turnpike Road, within ten days from the day of letting, for payment of the rest of the said rent by prospective monthly instalments.
Dated this 22nd day of August, 1843
H. R. Evans
Clerk to the Trustees of the said Turnpike Road.

September 16 1843

Accident
On Saturday evening last, at Ely, as a poor old man, aged 80 years, named Henry Ellis, was coming from the bridge when nearly opposite the gas house he was knocked down by a horse and severely bruised about the head and shoulders, he was immediately taken home, and every attention and assistance given him, but remained insensible until Wednesday afternoon, when death put an end to his sufferings. It appears that two horses were going to pasture, the owner had given orders to his man not to trust any boys with the horses, but on Saturday they were sent by two boys, Long and Woodbine; Long started the horses at a furious rate, but which horse it was went over the old man cannot be ascertained. A coroners' inquest has since been holden, and after a patient investigation of several hours, and hearing contradictory and prevaricating evidence, the jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death". A very dangerous practice prevails in Ely, of farmers send boys of 12 or 14 years of age to drive a number of horses through the streets loose, by which the lives of children and

others are placed in imminent danger. The man who disobeyed his masters orders has been discharged and proceedings have been taken against Long for furious riding.

On Tuesday last a distressing accident occurred to an old woman named Wayman, living at Weyhead, near Coveney, near 80 years of age, who, whilst in a fit, fell upon the fire and was so severely burnt that there is not the slightest hope of her recovery.

Robbery
The widow of the late John Lee, who now lives at Littleport, left her house safe on Saturday last, and on her return on Monday she discovered some thief had forced an entrance through her window and stolen 15 sovereigns, some silver spoons, etc, some guineas and other valuable property, which it would have been easy to identify, were left behind. The police have not yet been able to obtain any clue.

September 23 1843

Four-Wheeled Sociable, Double Set of Harness,
And a Pair of Horses
Now working between Ely and Cambridge, the property
of Mr James Abbs,
To Be Sold by Auction
By Chas. M. Bidwell
On Tuesday October 3rd, 1843, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, on the premises in his occupation, at Ely.

The Sociable is well-establish and will continue working up to the day of sale. It is sold in consequence of Mr Abbs having taken the Ram Inn, Cambridge.

Burnt Fen First District
The next General Half-yearly Meeting of the Commissioners, acting in execution of the various Acts of Parliament, relating to the Drainage of the above District, will be held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday, 5th October, next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.
T. & G. Archer
Clerk to the said Commissioners

September 30 1843

October 7 1843

October 14 1843

A Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at the Sessions-House in Ely, on Wednesday 18th October inst., at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, at which hour the chair will be taken; and all Jurors, Constables, and Persons bound by recognizance, and others having occasion to attend are required to give their attendance accordingly.

And Notice is also hereby given, that the business relating to the Constabulary Force of the said Isle and laying a Police-rate towards defraying the expences of the said force, will commence and be proceeded in immediately after the Grand Jury are sworn and charged, and after such business is disposed of, the business relating to the assessment application or management of the isle stock or rate will commence and be done and transacted in open Court.

The Justice's Clerks are requested to send their several depositions and recognizances to the office of the Clerk of the Peace, Wisbech, on or before the Saturday preceding.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace

Marriage – on Saturday last, at St Mary's Church, Ely, Mr J. M. Locklin, lay Clerk of the Cathedral, to Ann, second daughter of the late Mr William Legge, builder.

October 21 1843

Ely

Lecture on the Gases

The Mechanics' Institute had a lecture last Friday evening, by Mr Sturton, who, in opening his address adverted to the importance of a knowledge of chemistry to every one, as it related to the air, the earth, food, drink, and to the body of man, "fearfully and wonderfully" as it is made. Some of the experiments were good, but it is to be regretted that others failed. The great thing in a lecturer before an audience (when experimenting) is to have everything ready for use, and at hand. The want of this necessary precaution (as in the present instance) precludes the possibility of keeping the attention, and renders the labour of the lecturer almost nugatory.

Isle of Ely Sessions

These Sessions were held on Wednesday last, at the Sessions House Ely, before the Rev. Henry Fardell, chairman, the Rev Dr. Peacock, the Rev. Gale Townley, R. G. Townley Esq., the Rev. Millers, the Rev. T. P. Cooke, W Layton Esq. – Fryer Esq., and other magistrates.

Prisoners

William Johnson (22) charged with an assault upon Mary Bond of Chatteris by wounding her with a sharp instrument. Verdict Guilty – The Chairman commented severely on the brutality of the prisoners' conduct, and sentenced him to nine calendar months' of imprisonment and regretted that he could not give him hard labour.

Ruth Maile (22) charged with obtaining articles of wearing apparel under false pretences from shops of John Dawson and Samuel Dalzell at Ely. Verdict – Guilty sentenced.

William Bellam (60) charged with stealing four sheaves of wheat, the property of Failes Taylor of Downham. – Acquitted.

Butcher Dann (18) a most notorious character, charged with stealing £1. 14s. from the person of Samuel Garland a labourer of Littleport. Verdict – Guilty – The Chairman in sentencing him, said that the character of the prisoner was so bad that all who knew anything about him would rejoice in his being sent our of the country. Transported for ten years.

James Winterton charged with stealing a net, the property of George Snellings of Whittlesey – Guilty one months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Wm. Sanderson - above 60 years of age, of Whittlesey retired supervizor of excise, charged with assault upon a ten year old child. – Acquitted.

Robert Courtman (43) charged with stealing a sheep, the property of Thomas Frusher of Elm – Ten years transportation.

Edward Whitting (22) charged with stealing a brass candlestick, the property of John Baker of Sutton. Prosecutor and witness so drunk could not be examined.

Michael Gorman (25) Irishman, charged with stealing two guns, property of Joseph Read of Sutton – Verdict Guilty.

October 28 1843

Money Immediately Wanted

The Magistrates of the Isle of Ely are desirous of borrowing Seven Thousand Pounds, on Mortgage of the Isle Rates, in sums of Five Hundred Pounds each, to be repaid to the Lenders, after three months' previous notice, by annual instalments, in fourteen years. The Interest in the mean time being regularly paid half-yearly as it becomes due.

Capitalists in want of security are requested to state personally, or by letter, the sums they are ready to advance on the security proposed, with the lowest rate of Interest they are willing to accept, to the Clerk of the Peace of the Isle of Ely, of whom further information may be had.
By Order
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace

November 4 1843

Concert at Ely

We understand that Mr. T Machin, of the Cathedral, intends giving a concert on the 16th November, assisted by several eminent London performers.

November 11 1843

Fire

On Tuesday morning last, a fodder stack, belonging to Mr Joseph Pope, of Thetford, near Ely, was destroyed by fire, occasioned by over-heating.

Highway Robbery

On the evening of the 2nd inst., the four Misses Kirby, daughters of Mr Edw. Kirby, of Chettisham, were stopped about a mile from Ely, on their way home, by three footpads, who took their bags, extracted the money from each, amounting in all to 13s 6d., returned the bags, and then made off with their booty.

Mr T. Machin

Respectfully informs the Clergy, Gentry, and inhabitants of Ely, and its vicinity, that he intends giving a concert, at the National School Room, on Thursday Evening November, 16th 1843

Vocal Performers

Miss Ward
(Of the Nobilities Concert London)
Mr Machlochlin, Mr Coveney, and Mr. T. Machin

Instrumental Performers

Pianoforte Miss Eliza Ward
Violin Mr E. Gover

Tickets – reserved seats 3s. Back seats 2s, to be had of Mr Hills, bookseller, and of Mr Machin, St Mary's Ely.
The concert to commence at Eight o'clock.

November 18 1843

November 25 1843

Thetford Inclosure and Drainage of Thetford Commons and other Fens

Notice is hereby given, that application is intended to be made to Parliament in the next session for a Bill for dividing, allotting and inclosing the open and common fields, wastes, commons, common meadows, pastures and fens, and other commonable and waste lands and grounds in the Hamlet of Thetford, in the parish of Stretham, in the Isle of Ely and County of Cambridge; and also certain lands in a fen called Reed Fen, within the same Hamlet and parish: and also for embanking, draining, and preserving the said commons, commonable meadows, pastures, and fens, and also the said other commonable lands and grounds (except a common called Holt Fen), and the said fen called Reed Fen, and also certain wash lands and fen or low lands called Hall Fen, Goldsmere ground, Chapel ground, and Langmore grounds, and lands or grounds lying between Braham brook and Hall Fen; and which lands so to be embanked, drained, and preserved, are situate in the said hamlet of Thetford, and in the parishes of the Holy Trinity and Saint Mary, in Ely, and in Stretham aforesaid, all in the said Isle of Ely, and County of Cambridge, and in the parish of Soham, in the said county or in some of them, and are bounded on the north by Braham brook, on the east by the rivers Ouze and Cam, on the south by the present course of the west river, on part of the west by land in the parish of Stretham aforesaid, called the Hundred acres, and on other part of the west and on the North west by part of the Highlands of the said parish of Stretham and of the said Hamlet of

Thetford. And Notice is hereby given, that provision is intended to be made in the said Bill for defraying the expences of dividing and allotting the lands so intended to be divided, allotted, and inclosed, by a rate or rates upon the several owners, thereof, and of the expences of embanking, draining, and preserving the several lands and grounds so intended to be embanked, drained and preserved, by imposing and charging annual rates or taxes on such last mentioned lands and grounds, and levying the same on the several owners or occupiers thereof.

And that provision is intended to be made in the said Bill for making and maintaining such banks, catchwater, and other drains, and for erecting such drainage engines and other works as may be deemed necessary for the drainage and improvement of the said lands and grounds, and also for diverting or altering any existing catchwater drains. And that it is intended to obtain powers for the compulsory purchase of any messuages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, that may be required to be taken or used for any of the purposes of the said Bill, and for enabling the Commissioners of drainage to be appointed under the said Bill to agree with the Commissioners of drainage of certain Districts called Cawdle Fen District, and Stretham common District, for erecting and maintaining a steam engine for the drainage of the said districts or either of them, in common with the said lands so to be embanked, drained and preserved.
Dated this day 9th November 1843
T. and G. Archer, Solicitors

Plague of Rats
There are at the present time, in and about the fens around Ely, such quantities of rats that their number cannot be reckoned. Great efforts have been made to exterminate the vermin, but still they are not sensibly lessoned; many acres of wheat must be sown again, and this again may fall a prey to their incursions.

Poison is laid in large quantities, which must take effect, as the bait has disappeared by the morning.

Mr W. Harlock has had men employed on his farm for some time past to take these animals, and they have destroyed the almost incredible number of above two thousand.

A man went into Middle Fen last week to fetch a horse, and was quite terrified at the vast numbers, the ground seeming to literally teem with life, nor was he sorry to mount, and leave these obnoxious animals.

December 2 1843

Death – Suddenly at Ely, on Thursday last, much respected aged 21, Mr. Charles Cross, of the firm of Cross and Sons, merchants, of that place.

December 9 1843

Ely Union
The Board of Guardians of the above Union, give Notice that they will, at their weekly meeting, on Thursday 14th inst., receive Tenders for supplying the Workhouse, and the Out- door Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief Districts with Bread and Flour from 20th inst., to 20th March next.
Good Thirds Flour, at per stone.
Bread made of the same quality of Flour (24 hours old) at per 4lb loaf.

To be delivered at the said Workhouse at such times and in such quantities, as the Board of Guardians shall order, and to be supplied to the paupers in every parish, in such quantities as shall be expressed in Tickets issued by the Relieving Officer.

Provisions

Cheese, Rice, and Potatoes, at per cwt.
Hard Yellow Soap, sale, moist sugar, oatmeal, and soda, at per stone
Butter, tea and dip candles, at per lb.
Peas, at per comb, ale and milk, at per gallon, Coals at per ton, turf at per 1000.

Clothing

Beaverteen, for boys suits, at per yard.
Strong grey army cloth, for old men's suits and twilled calico for lining the same, at per yard
Men's, and boys' strong dowlas shirts, at per dozen.
Bed ticking and sheeting, at per yard
Men's, women's boys' and girls' ankle shoes and strong knitted worsted stockings at per pair
Worsted at per lb: cocoa nut fibre at per cwt.
Flannel and shroud flannel, hemp, calico and chambray at per yard.

N.B. Each Tender must be for supplying one Relief District at least.

Sealed Tenders indorsed "Tenders for Bread and Flour" to be left at my office the day previous to the Meeting, otherwise they will not be received, and samples must be produced at the Board.

The Relieving Officers have strict orders to settle with the Contractors every week.

Contractors to give such security for the due performance of their contract as the Board may require; but the Guardians do not pledge themselves to accept the lowest or any of the Tenders.

N. B. All persons having any demands upon the said Union, are requested to send in their bills to me on or before the 30th instant, containing full particulars of all the articles furnished, or work done under the order of the Board, up to and including the 20th instant, accompanied with the orders themselves.

By Order of the Board
William Marshall, Clerk.
December 16 1843
To Millers, Brewers, and others
To Be Sold by Auction, by John Cross
At the Marquis of Granby Inn, in Littleport, on Wednesday next, the 20th inst., between the hours of seven and eight in the evening, by order of the Commissioners, of the Littleport and Downham District, (subject to such conditions as will then be read)
The Following
Excellent Water Mill
Called the "Mowfen Mill", situate on the Ten Mile Bank, in Littleport aforesaid, (which will be sold Standing) together with the Land belonging to it, containing about Half a Rood, (more of Less) unless it should be otherwise determined on at the sale.

The above Mill is in good repair, and is capable of being converted either into a corn Mill or Cottage with advantage, as it stands near a good road and navigable river.

For further particulars apply to Mr Robert Pryer, Ten Mile Bank, Hilgay, or to Mr Marshall Ely, Clerk to the Commissioners.

The Fire at Haddenham
The fire which we mentioned in our last, as having broken out at Haddenham on the preceding Wednesday, was not at the premises of Mr Pate, but in the house of Benjamin Kidd, situate in West End, nearly opposite to the extensive farming premises, of Mr Wm. Pate, jun, and not far from those of the elder Mr Pate, in which direction, from the place where the fire broke out, the wind blew. From the circumstances of Kidd's house being surrounded by thatched buildings on all sides, the greatest alarm prevailed, it being feared that Mr. Pate's stack-yard would fall a sacrifice to the flames. Four small thatched cottages, only separated from Kidd's house by a gateway, were several times on fire, but by dint of great exertion on the part of the inhabitants of the village they were saved, and thus fortunately, prevented a great loss of property.

With but few excessions the labourers worked well into staying the progress of the fire, and the greatest praise is due to them. The cause of the fire at present remains a mystery. It began in the middle of Kidd's house, between a new and unfinished part of the building and the old portion of the house. The house was insured in the Norwich Union Fire Office. A letter was received from Lord Hardwicke stating the importance of occupiers of property being insured. During the past week there had been Five Fires, which it was believed were not accidental.

December 23 1843

Death – On Sunday last 17th inst., at Ely, in the 80th year of her age, much respected, Sarah, relict of Mr W. Dearsley, Tailor and draper of that city, and mother of Mrs Legge, of the Union House, Bury.

The Plague of Rats

We mentioned a few weeks ago the extraordinary visitation of rats in this neighbourhood. On the farm of Mr Harlock of Ely, no fewer then 4,736 of these mischievous vermin were destroyed by two men, with six ferrets and three dogs, between 4th November and 8th December. Mr Harlock estimates his loss this year from the rats, on his growing crops of wheat (about 300 acres) at upwards of Two hundred pounds. Other farmers are sufferers to a proportionate extent, indeed the increase of these vermin this year is universally observed, the land in many places being completely undermined by them.

The growing crops of wheat in the fens look exceedingly well - never better; and should we be favoured with a winter without extraordinary floods, to all appearance there will be abundant crops.

December 30 1843

Curious Wagers

On the 15th instant a bet come off at Downham, in the isle of Ely, between a farmer of that village, and a fenman living in the Third Drove, in Fodder Fen. The bet which was for a sovereign, was, that the fenman should find his way home from a certain house in the Second Drove, blindfold, a distance of about three furlongs, across several fen drains, one of which was ten feet wide, ditches etc, the widest drain he accomplished with a jumping pole, this wager was well won. The second bet, for another sovereign, was, that he was to start from the same place, blindfolded again, without a pole, to his home again. About half way on his journey he was at fault, being out of the line of the ditches some ten or twelve yards; but he again faced the wind, and retrieved his place, and won his second wager. The second time he performed the journey on his hands and knees all the way, using the side of the ditches as his guide, some of which were eight feet deep and full of water. He was accompanied by above a hundred spectators, anxious to see the performance of so novel a feat.

Ely Chronicle
January 6 1844
Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions – Wednesday
Rev. W. G. Townley Chairman.
The Chairman briefly addressed the jury upon the number of cases in the calendar, none of which were of much importance. He alluded to the memorial from Whittlesey against the rural police, which it was his opinion had worked well. He did not wish to influence their opinion and would not make any further remarks.

Of the 22 prisoners for trial 13 could not read or write, and five could only read.

Henry Pott, of Littleport, pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing a coat from Jeremiah Tuck, of Littleport. Two months imprisonment and hard labour.

John Allington, of Ely, charged with stealing a turkey from John Coatman, of Ely. Verdict not guilty.

Ann Cook, of Thorney, for stealing a quantity of goods from James Gaches, of Thorney, pleaded guilty. Three months imprisonment.

James Stigwood, for stealing beef, butter, and a towel from George Dewey of Littleport. Guilty, six months imprisonment and hard labour.

Edward Thompson, charged with stealing a pair of shoes from Alfred Thompson Hunt. Guilty one month's imprisonment and hard labour.

Edward Green, for stealing a pint of oil from Samuel Watson of Thorney. Verdict guilty recommended for mercy, always had a good character.

Henry and Margaret Johnson, of Littleport, for stealing four bushels of wheat from George Paine, of the same place. Charge against female prisoner abandoned, jury acquitted Henry Johnson.

Isaac Padget, of Leverington, pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing two pecks of potatoes from Robert Cash. One month's imprisonment and hard labour.

Ann Hardy of Whittlesea, pleaded guilty to stealing two pieces of pork from Wm. Ground. One month's imprisonment.

Frederick Walton of Wisbech, for stealing a hammer from Wm. Gamble Foster, of same place, one month's imprisonment and hard labour.

Robert Dunthorne, charged with stealing two brass axle caps and a brass box from Johnathan Bush Cox, of Wisbech, pleaded guilty. Four month's imprisonment and hard labour.

John Phillips of Wisbech, charged with stealing a silver pencil case from James Filley, a quantity of drapery goods from Mr. Waddington, and 30s in money, two pairs of stockings and articles of grocery from Mr Louth. Pleaded guilty to all charges. One month's imprisonment for first offence, 2 months' for second offence, and seven years transportation for third offence.

A Cressingham, charged with stealing foreign coins and a cloth jacket, from John Cytanthan of Wisbech, pleaded guilty. Four months' imprisonment and hard labour.

William Howell, pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing £3.10 from George Caster, of Wisbech. Three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Sarah Dye and Sarah Bowers of Wimlington, on two charges of stealing fowls from Richard Atkinson, guilty Sarah Dye, 6 months, Bowers not guilty.

John Lovett charged with stealing three pigs from Thomas Cockett, of March, guilty, seven years transportation.

Francis Markly, for stealing a blue slop, property of William Mitchell, of Wisbech. 3 months' imprisonment and hard labour.

January 13 1844
Marriage
On Thursday, the 11th instant, at the parish church of the Holy Trinity, in Ely (by the Rev. J. U. Robson, vicar of Winston, Suffolk), Wm. Henry Evans, Esq., of Belmont, Bath, third son of H. R. Evans, Esq., of Ely, to Eliza Ann, second daughter of Thomas Archer, Esq., of the same place.

Deaths

On Monday last, at Ely, in the 89th year of his age, Mr Tomas Peckett, broker, he was a kind father, and respected by all who knew him.

At Ely, on Tuesday last, Eliza, wife of Casseldine Kempton, aged 76 years.

On the same day, at Ely, Mrs Winfield, aged 84 years, formerly landlady of the Woolpack Inn.

On the same day, at Ely, Mary, wife of Mr. Michael Baxter, cutler, of that place.

Corn Laws

A meeting of the members of the Wisbech, Isle of Ely, and Marshland Agricultural Society, convened by the president, Joseph Marshall, Esq., is advertised to be held at the White Hart Inn, Wisbech, on Saturday 13th inst., (this day) for the purpose of taking into consideration, the propriety of forming a local association in this and the adjoining districts, for the general protection of agricultural, and for raising funds to defray the expences of petitioning Parliament against any further alteration in the present Corn Laws.

Melancholy Accident

On Tuesday last an inquest was held before H. R. Evans, jun., gent, coroner, on the body of Elizabeth Kempton, aged 76, who on the preceding night was burnt to death. It appeared that about 9 o'clock on Monday evening she arose from her seat, and took the candle to reach something off the mantel piece when her cap caught fire.

She returned to her husband in the adjoining room, where she had been sitting with him, and from which she took the candle. He perceiving her in flames pulled of his coat and threw it over her, but being very infirm could not suppress the flames, he then endeavoured to give an alarm, but not being able to open the door he had to go upstairs, which took him some considerable time, it was near an hour before he could get any one to his assistance.

Mr Matthews, watchmaker, who lives near, about nine o'clock, heard some groom, and went into his yard, to see if anything was there, and about an hour afterwards was called out by Mr Kempton, who is 84 years of age and is one of the oldest and most respected tradesmen of the place, who told him his wife was dying. He immediately got a ladder and entered at the chamber window, when he thought he discovered the house on fire; he followed the smoke until he came to the body, which he found dreadfully burnt about the breast and face, and quite cold and stiff. Verdict "accidental death."

Ely Mechanics' Institute

On Friday evening the second anniversary of the Ely Mechanics' Institute was held, T. S. Jones Esq., in the chair upon which occasion an exceedingly interesting lecture on Botany was delivered by W. Marshall, Esq. The audience both numerous and respectable, were highly gratified with the eloquent lecture which was replete with instructive matter. The report was then read, which showed the society to be in a very flourishing condition, the issue of books for the past year being 3,500, and the income about 97. The vacancies in the committee were then filled up.

The Constabulary

At the late General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, for the Isle of Ely, held at Wisbech, on the 3rd instant memorials were presented from nearly 20 parishes in the Isle, setting forth that but little advantage had been derived from the services of the Isle constabulary force, and that the expenses

of the same were very heavily felt by the rate-payers: and praying the magistrates at once to take the necessary steps for discontinuing the force. One of the principal allegations in several of the memorials was that unnecessary expense was incurred in the prosecutions for small offences, which might as easily be detected by a local parish constable, while the greater crimes still remain undetected, and that equal if not more good would be effected under the powers given by the Parish Constables Act lately passed, if carried out, at a very considerably less expense.

The discussion upon the subject by the magistrates took place in their private room, but it was understood they did not come to any resolution for carrying into effect the object of the memorialists.

Police Freaks
On Friday policeman Saunders, having partaken too freely of Sir John Barley-corn, locked a poor man up in the cage at Ely, for the night, and in the morning gave him his liberty without making any charge or even taking him before a justice.

He also drew his cutlass upon a lad who is supposed to have been impertinent to him, and beat the boy about the head forthwith. The fellow has since been dismissed the force, and paid some trifling expense.

Agrarian outrages are of very frequent occurrence in the neighbourhood of Ely: two or three times the crier is employed every week to announce some destruction to someone's property. The farmers complain of their fences being broken, and pigeons being shot: within a few days Mr. Jas. Cheesewright had his potato heap robbed three times, and on Wed. evening last all the potatoes of Mr Mark Manchet were stolen from out his pit. Offering rewards proves as useless as the efforts of the police in bringing the parties to punishment.

Our obituary of this week announces the deaths of four individuals who all died in Ely within 18 hours, whose united ages amount to 321 viz., Mr Thos Pecket, 89, Mrs Wingfield, 84, Mrs Kempton, 76, Mrs Baxter. 72.

The Rural Police
Mr Editor
Will you do me the favour to insert the enclosed 'morceau d'esprit' for, as my ears are incessantly annoyed by some insult or other by ignorant and disloyal rustics who fume out against the Police, whom it is the trifle they are compelled to pay towards its support which is the real cause of grievance, I think I may in justice give them a "shot in return".
Jan 3 1844
The Author of – etc etc.

The Rogue's Jubilee
A Funny thing – not to be laughed at
Dedicated to John Ketch.
(Written impromptu, on hearing that some of the inhabitants of
Stretham, near Ely were going to petition to have the Police abolished.)
Rejoice ye cut-throats, highwaymen and prigs
Ye soon may unmolested run your rigs
And license have to plunder, burn, and kill,
Defy the laws – in short, do what ye will,
Nor care, nor dread of apprehension feel
Your friends resolve to smash the vile Police

And from restraining fears your minds release
So sharpen up your knives for bloody work,
Sword, bludgeon, pistol, blunderbuss, and dirk:
- --
And with your bludgeons break the owners backs
Turn upside down our country's sacred laws,
Then ask Police reforms for applause!
An Isle of Ely Policeman

We have thought it right to put our pen through one line –
Ed. C C.

January 20 1844

To Edward Humphrys Greene Esq.,
High Sheriff of the County of Cambridge.

We the undersigned Landowners, Agriculturists, Merchants, and Inhabitants of the Isle of Ely, in the County of Cambridge, being of opinion that the projected line or lines of Railway from Newport in the County of Essex, to the towns of Cambridge and Ely, and from Ely to Peterborough, in the County of Northampton, and Brandon, in the County of Suffolk, of which Notices are now in circulation through this part of the country, will be highly beneficial to the inhabitants of the county of Cambridge generally, and more particularly to the inhabitants of the Isle of Ely, in as much as the communication of this neighbourhood with the Metropolis and the Eastern Counties of England, as well as with the Northern and Midland parts of Great Britain will be greatly facilitated by the measure; do hereby request that you will convene a County Meeting, to be held upon some early day, at any convenient place in the city of Ely, for the purpose of taking the proposed measure into consideration.

Dated this day 29th December, 1843

Hardwick	William Layton	Henry Lawrence	Robert Martin
George Peacock	Joseph Little	Wm. Harlock	J. D. Catling
John Fryer	Chas. Moseley	Wm. Marshall	John Freeman
Geo. Hall	Wm. Hall	John Cutlack	Butcher and Bald
Henry Martin	Wm. Harlock	Jas. Cheesewright	John Hall
J. S. Saberton	T. W. Granger	John Muriel	John Harlock
Geo. Pryme	Goodwyn Archer	H. R. Evans	John Read
Matthew Scott	J. R. Fryer	James Ivatt	Hugh Boughen
John Granger	Wm. Shrewsbury	John Vipan	James Cropley
Robt. Stevens	Benjn. Vipan	Sam. Wells	H. R. Evans, jun.
Thos Archer	Wm Luddington	Thomas Page	Geo. Whiteford
Chas. M. Bidwell	Wm and Thos Sabberton	George Millers	Jno. Upster
Wm Tilden			

The Railway

It will be seen by an advertisement in another part of our journal that a requisition has been signed by a considerable number of highly respectable inhabitants of the Isle of Ely, with the Earl of Hardwicke at their head, calling upon the High Sheriff to convene a meeting at Ely, for the purpose of taking the projected extension of railway into consideration. The High Sheriff has appointed Tuesday 30th of this month, for the meeting, which will be holden at the Shire-Hall in Ely.

Opposition to the League

The Isle has taken the lead of the County in the movement against the "great lie".
The President of the Isle of Ely and Marshland Agricultural Society, Joseph Marshall Esq., convened a meeting of its members, which was held at the White Hart Inn, Wisbech, last Saturday, when it was unanimously resolved to form a protective Society.

Officers were appointed, subscriptions paid, and every necessary arrangement made for carrying into effect the laudable object the assembled agriculturalists had in view.

May they go on and prosper.

Haddenham
On Monday evening last, about seven o'clock, the inhabitants of this village were alarmed by the cry of fire. It was soon ascertained that a cottage situate in west End, belonging to Thomas Alsop, was on fire. In consequence of very prompt and efficient assistance rendered by a great number of labourers, early assembled on the spot, little damage was done, although several other thatched cottages stood nearby. There is no doubt that this disaster arose from accident, occasioned by carelessness of a girl with a candle on putting children to bed.

A greater number of wild geese have passed over the fens within the last few weeks than in any former year for some time past.

The Misses Lowry
Beg to inform the Public their School Re-opens on Wednesday, the 31st inst.
Ely January 1844

January 27 1844

Marriage – On the 23rd inst. at Orwell (by the Rev. W. Law), Mr W. Angel, farmer of Little Eversden, to Isabel, third daughter of Mr. John McGee of Ely.

Yesterday evening week, between 6 and 7 o'clock, some mischievous rascal fired into the window of Mr Chas. Kempton, Bull Lane, Ely, where Mrs. K. And her mother Mrs Holwell, were in the room. Several shots were found on the window-sill. It is difficult to surmise the object of this outrage, as Mr. Kempton and his family are very quiet neighbours.

On Wednesday last, an inquest was held at Ely, before H. R. Evans, gent, coroner, on the body of Mary Haylock, aged 8 years, who on the previous day was left by her mother in charge of a child, and whilst in the act of warming the child's mess, her clothes accidently caught fire. Mrs Cavanaugh, a neighbour, went to the child's assistance, and endeavoured by putting her clothes round her to put out the fire, but the child was so much burnt, that it died a few hours afterwards. - Verdict. Accidental death.

On the same day another inquest was held on the body of Edward Macguire, aged 23, a native of Cambridge, who was employed as a painter at the new House of Correction at Ely. On the morning of that day whilst painting some spouts at the back of the Governors' house, the ladder from some cause fell from the building, precipitating the deceased a distance of about 23 feet, on the pavements, where he was found by a man who heard him fall, with his head dreadfully injured; he died almost instantly. The deceased was a very steady man, and much respected by his fellow workmen.

February 3 1844

Railway Meeting at Ely
A very important and influential meeting took place at the Shirehall Ely, on Tuesday last, for the purpose of promoting the line of railroad from Newport to Cambridge and Ely, and thence to Peterborough and Brandon.

In the absence of the High Sheriff, G. J. Twiss Esq., the Under Sheriff took the chair. The meeting was attended by four of the Directors of the Company, and the hall was crowded. Amongst those present we observed the Very. Rev. the Dean of Ely, Rev. Dr. Webb, The Revs. A. Peyton, W. G. Townley, G. J. Huddlestone, G. Millers, W Tilden. Messrs J Fryer, Layton, Vipan, Lawrence, Sabertons, Harlocks, Rayners, Moseley, Cropley, Graingers, Witts, Martins, Little, Jones, Stevens, Archers, Halls, Cutlack, Porter, Evans, Muriel, Garrett, Luddington, Cave, Cheesewright, The Mayor of Wisbech and several gentlemen, from that town, Mr Goodwyn and several other inhabitants of Lynn, etc. etc.

There followed two speeches by W Layton Esq., and The Dean of Ely, both pointing out the advantages of the proposed new rail-road, and all were in complete agreement that it would be beneficial to the area in many ways, for transporting grain, cattle, and the produce of their orchards and garden, but there were many aspects to be studied such as crossing part of the Wash land and the mode of crossing the turnpike gates. There were great objections to crossing the road on the level.
Full account on page 4 col 2.

February 10 1844

Death – on the 2nd inst., at Ely, Mr John King, brewer, leaving a wife and eight children to lament their melancholy bereavement, who are totally unprovided for.

On Thursday week, aged 89, Eleanor, relict of the late Mr E. Moden, farmer, Stretham.

A Meeting of Owners and Occupiers of Land, in the Isle of Ely, will be held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 22nd February inst., at eleven o'clock in the morning, for the purpose of considering the best means of Protecting the Interests of Agriculture now threatened by the agitation put in force for the Repeal or further alterations to the Corn Laws.

February 17 1844

Death - On Wednesday 7th inst., at her residence at Chandos St, Cavendish Square, Mrs Dampler, relict of Thomas, late Lord Bishop of Ely.

Death - On the 10th inst., at his son's residence Wisbech, South Brink, John Sculthorpe Esq., in the 75th year of his age. He was for many years in the Commission of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, and a deputy Lieutenant of the County of Cambridge.

February 24 1844

At a Meeting of the Owners and Occupiers of Land in the Isle of Ely, convened to be held at the Lamb Inn in Ely, but adjourned to the Sessions House, on Thursday 22nd day of February 1844. William Layton Esq., in the chair.
Resolved on the motion of John Fryer Esq., seconded by Mr. Henry Martin.

That it is the opinion of this meeting that any further relaxation of the Corn Laws will be very detrimental to the interests of the Owners and Occupiers of Land, as well as to those employed in the cultivation of the soil, and to all other classes of the community whose incomes are dependant on the prosperity of the Agricultural interests.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Charles Moseley, seconded by Mr. William Martin.

That a Society be formed, to be called the Isle of Ely Agricultural Protection Society, and that the object of the institution shall be to oppose any alterations of the Corn Laws which may tend to diminish the present legislative protection.

Resolved on the motion of Mr Thomas Waddelow Granger, seconded by Mr William Saberton.

That the Society shall communicate with any central Society established in the Metropolis and co-operate with it in any measures it may be thought advisable to take in furtherance of the objects of this meeting.

Resolved on the motion of the Rev. Henry Fardell, seconded by Mr James Cropley.

That a subscription be entered into for the purpose of raising a fund to defray any expenses that may be incurred in relation to the proceedings of the Society.

Resolved on the motion of the Rev. S. Banks, seconded by Mr John Vipan.

That a committee be formed to conduct the correspondence and other business of the Society, and that such committee by requested to appoint a Deputation not exceeding 3 in number to attend the Central Board in London when necessary, and be empowered to make calls of portions of the subscription as circumstances may from time to time require; and that the Chairman, Mr John Fryer, Mr Page, Mr Thomas Fryer, Mr John Vipan, Mr Henry Martin, Mr. Charles Moseley, Mr James Cropley, Mr Wm. Saberton, Mr Henry Lawrence, Mr. Joseph Saberton, and Mr Thomas Waddelow Granger, (any five to be a quorum) do constitute such Committee.

Resolved on the motion of John Fryer, Esq., seconded by Mr Henry Lawrence.

That the thanks of this meeting be given to the proprietors of the Morning Post for their uniform attention to the proceedings of the meetings held for the present purposes, also to the proprietors of the two local papers for the attendance of their reporters today.

Mr Layton having vacated the chair, the thanks of the Meeting were voted to him for his able services, on the motion of Mr. H. R. Evans, seconded by Mr Henry Martin.

March 2 1844

Ely Union Contracts

The Board of Guardians of the above Union, give Notice that they will at their Weekly Meeting at the Union Workhouse in Ely, on Thursday 14th March inst., receive Tenders for supplying the said Workhouse and the Out-door Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief districts with bread and Flour from the 21st inst., to 19th day of June.

Cheese, Rice, and Potatoes, at per cwt.

Hard Yellow Soap, sale, moist sugar, oatmeal, and soda, at per stone

Butter, tea and dip candles, at per lb.

Peas, at per comb, ale and milk, at per gallon, Coals at per ton, turf at per 1000.

Clothing

Beaverteen, for boys suits, at per yard.

Strong grey army cloth, for old men's suits and twilled calico for lining the same, at per yard

Men's, and boys' strong dowlas shirts, at per dozen.

Bed ticking and sheeting, at per yard

Men's, women's boys' and girls' ankle shoes and strong knitted worsted stockings at per pair

Worsted at per lb: cocoa nut fibre at per cwt.

Flannel and shroud flannel, hemp, calico and chambray at per yard.

N.B. Each Tender must be for supplying one Relief District at least.

Sealed Tenders indorsed "Tenders for Bread and Flour" to be left at my office the day previous to the Meeting, otherwise they will not be received, and samples must be produced at the Board.

The Relieving Officers have strict orders to settle with the Contractors every week.

Contractors to give such security for the due performance of their contract as the Board may require; but the Guardians do not pledge themselves to accept the lowest or any of the Tenders.

N. B. All persons having any demands upon the said Union, are requested to send in their bills to me on or before the 21st instant, containing full particulars of all the articles furnished, or work done under the order of the Board, up to and including the 18th instant, accompanied with the orders themselves.
By Order of the Board
William Marshall, Clerk.

Ely Union
Election of Guardians of the Poor
I, William Marshall, clerk of the Ely Union, do hereby give Notice:-

1 That the number of Guardians of the Poor, to be elected for the Parishes in the said union is as follows.

Name of Parish	No of Guardians	Name of parish	No of Guardians
Ely Trinity	6	Downham	2
Ely St Mary	3	Witchford	1
Littleport	3	Haddenham	2
Sutton	2	Stretham	1
Wilburton	1	Mepal	1
Witcham	1	Coveney	1
Wentworth	1	Thetford	1

2 That any person not otherwise disqualified by law who shall be rated to the poor-rate in any parish in the said Union in respect of hereditaments of the annual value of Twenty Pounds, is qualified to become a candidate for the office of Guardian at the said election.

3 That any rate-payer who shall have been rated to the poor-rate in any parish in the said Union, for the whole year immediately preceding his voting, and shall have paid the parochial rates and assessments made and assessed on him for one whole year, as well s those due from him at the time of voting, except those which have been made or become due within six months immediately preceding such voting, will be entitled, on the Election of Guardians for the said parish, to the number of votes following (that is to say) -

If he be rated at any sum under £200 he will have one vote
If he be rated at £200, but under £400 he will have two votes.
And if rated at £400 or more he will have three votes.

And that any owner of rateable property situate within the said parish, who shall have given to one of the Overseers thereof, previous to the day on which he shall claim to vote, a statement in writing of his name and address and the description of property in the parish, as owner whereof he claims to vote, will be entitled to have the number of votes at the Election of the Guardians for the said parish, (that is to say) -

If the aggregate amount of the assessment, for the time being, of any property belonging to such owner in such parish, or on any person or persons in respect of the same to the poor-rates, shall not amount to £50, he will have one vote.
If the same shall amount to £50, and not to £75, he will have two votes
If the same shall amount to £75, and not to £100, he will have three votes
If the same shall amount to £100, and not to £125, he will have four votes
If the same shall amount to £125, and not to £150, he will have five votes
If the same shall amount to £150, or upwards he will have six votes

Any owner of such property may, by writing under his hand, appoint any person to vote as his proxy, but such proxy must previous to the day on which he shall claim to vote, give to one of the Overseers of such parish, a statement in writing of his own name and address, and also the name and address of the owner appointing him such proxy, and a description of the property as proxy to the owner whereof he claims to vote, and also an original or attested copy of the writing appointing him such proxy.

The forms which may be followed by owners of property in appointing proxies, and by such proxies in making their claims, may be had by such owners on application to me.

4 That the last day on which nominations can be received is Monday, 11th March next, Nominations of Guardians must be made according to the form prescribed by the Poor-Law Commissioners, printed copies of which form may be had on application to me, or to Mr Thomas Charter, Relieving Officer, Haddenham, and must be sent or delivered to me at my office in Ely, so as to reach my hands on the said 11th day of March, at the latest, or they will be rejected.

5 That any person put in nomination for the office of guardian may at any time during the proceedings in the election, tender to me in writing his refusal to serve the office, and the election, so far as regards that person will be no further proceeded with.

6 That I shall, if more than the above mentioned number of Guardians shall be nominated for any parish, cause voting papers to be delivered on Wednesday 20th March next, to the address in the parish of each rate-payer, owner, and proxy, qualified to vote, which voting papers will contain full instructions as to the mode of voting, and that on Saturday, the 23 March, I shall cause such voting papers to be collected.

7 That on Monday 25th March next, I shall attend at the Board-room, in the New Union Workhouse in Ely, at the hour of Nine in the morning, and that I shall on that, and if necessary, the following days, proceed to ascertain the number of votes given for each candidate.

8 That in every case in which no person shall be elected at the ensuing election for the office of Guardian in any one or more of the said parishes, the person who has been elected for the present year may continue to act as Guardian for the next year. Given under my hand this twenty-ninth day of February 1844.
W. Marshall
Clerk to the Guardians of the Poor of the Ely Union.

March 9 1844

Death at Ely. On the 4th inst., aged 80 years, Mr Robert Hattersley, formerly a currier in that city.

Two Ely youths made themselves free by taking a pane of glass out of a window at the back part of the dwelling house of Mr James Palmer, in Gaol Lane, during the time of divine service on Sunday 3rd inst., and helped themselves to all they required to eat and drink, and rather more than they needed, as they got quite tipsy before they left; however, they ransacked the drawers etc., but Mr Palmer being a careful man, had secured his cash beyond the reach of such vile intruders. Mr Palmer and his wife were at St. Mary's Church when they were informed of the circumstance by some neighbour who saw the entrance effected. The youths are near neighbours and are well known.

Accident

On Wednesday last an inquest was held at Littleport, before H. R. Evans, jun., gent, coroner, on view of the body of a poor boy named Harpinger, aged 13 years, who, on the preceding day was standing against a post, when a team belonging to Mr. Chapman having got the better of the driver, ran against the boy and crushed him against the post, in consequence of which he died. Verdict.

"Accidental Death". It is to be regretted that farmers entrust their horses to boys of such tender years, some of whom are scarce high enough to reach the horses bridles much more to guide and control them should they become frightened or restive.

March 16 1844

The directors of the London and Birmingham and Eastern Counties Companies had a meeting on Thursday, for the purpose of carrying out a railway from Ely to Lincoln, via Wisbech and Boston. It is said that Mr. Stephenson is to be the engineer, and Mr Fearon, the solicitor. It will be announced in a few days. Of course this will be opposed to Mr Walkers' line from Cambridge to Lincoln and York.

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Ely
Elegant Modern Household Furniture
Rich cut Glass, handsome Wardrobe
Piano-Forte, etc
To Be Sold by Auction (by George Legge)
At his large Auction Room, Newnham, Ely, (to which place they will be removed for convenience of Sale) on Monday 15th April, 1844, at eleven o'clock.
Late the property of Mr Charles Cross, deceased.

April 6 1844

West End, Ely
200 Sheep, 5 Head of Cow Stock, Eleven Horses
Sow and 11 Pigs and 14 Store Hogs.
To Be Sold by Auction (by George Legge)
On the Premises, on Wednesday April 17th at 12 o'clock
The Property of Mr. Edward Hills, who is reducing his Stock.

Desirable Estates at Thetford near Ely
To Be Sold by Auction (By George Legge)
At the Red Lion Inn, in Stretham, on
Friday 12th April at Six o'clock in the evening.

Lot 1. All that piece of Garden Land, situate in Thetford, containing 3 Roods and 11 Perches abutting upon the Street south; Hall Fen, North, Mr Jeremiah Hinkin, east; Mr. James Yarrow, west, now in occupation of Samuel Lister.

Lot 2. A Half Common Right in Thetford in the occupation of the proprietor, Mr John Sennitt. Copyhold of the Manor of Thetford.

April 13 1844

Marriage – On Thursday, the 9th instant, at Trinity Church, Ely, Mr Wm. C. Rushbrook, to Miss Rachel Hall, niece of Mr. W. Trigg, Fore-hill, Ely.

Death at Ely, on Tuesday last, Betsy, wife of Mr John Cornwell gardener, aged 28 years.

Isle of Ely Sessions
On Wednesday last these sessions were held at Ely, before the Rev. H. Fardell, M.A. Chairman, and other Magistrates.

The Chairman in his charge to the Grand Jury, observed that in point of numbers the calendar was unusually heavy and made observations upon the law respecting passing bad coin and imbezzling money, and expressed his concern at the attempt to set fire to property, and to the sending of threatening letters, from which the Isle was not free. He would assure all, that if any were brought

to the bar and convicted, he should pass the severest penalty of the law, which was transportation for life, or not less then seven years. A number of memorials against the police were received after the charge given by his friend, the Rev. W. G. Townley, at the last sessions, which would be taken into consideration at these sessions, and at a future day.

A long conversation took place relative to the suspension of the order of last sessions for the appointment of additional policemen at Newton.

Prisoners

Martha Cowen (14) guilty to a charge of stealing a flannel petticoat, the property of Frances Pacey of Wisbech. One Months' imprisonment.

Susannah Bates (48) the mother of the prosecutors' cook, charged with stealing some butter, pork, tobacco etc., the property of Mr Charles Bland of Wisbech. Many inhabitants bore testimony to her good character. One months' imprisonment.

William Trampleton (24) pleaded guilty to stealing a pair of boots, property of Arthur Locke of Wisbech, sentenced to one months' hard labour.

Ann Ligge (35) was indicted for stealing a silver table spoon and silver tea spoon, property of Mr. Joseph Bishop, Landlord of the White Lion, Wisbech, pleaded guilty. Six months' imprisonment at Ely.

William Banks (40) charged with uttering counterfeit coins at Elm, found guilty – sentenced to a years' imprisonment.

Wm. Johnson (20) native of Colchester, charged with stealing a coat, property of Mr. John Payton, tailor of Chatteris, sentenced to six calendar months' hard labour.

John Earith (41) charged with stealing a pair of gloves property of Mr John Cross of Ely, shopkeeper, pleaded guilty – one days' imprisonment.

William Morris (17) charged with stealing 2 fowls, the property of James Cross, of Littleport, pleaded guilty. 14 days hard labour.

John Brown, alias Cripple, charged with stealing 7 fowls property of Richard Atkinson of March. Not guilty.

William Reeves (31) charged with stealing a brass distil-tap, property of James Woodcock, at Wisbech, guilty. Six months' hard labour.

In the case of William Neale, charged with assault upon a child, at March, - fined 40s and discharged.

No less than six men besides the one above reported, were convicted of passing base money at Chatteris, all sentenced to one years' imprisonment.

April 26 1844

April 27 1844

May 4 1844

Parish of Saint Mary in Ely

We, the undersigned, being respectively Proprietors of land situate in the open and common arable fields within the parish of St Mary, in Ely, in the Isle of Ely, and county of Cambridge, do hereby appoint a Public Meeting of the Proprietors of, and Persons interested in, the Lands situate within or forming part of the said Fields, to be held at the King's Arms Inn, in the parish aforesaid, on Saturday the 18th May, instant, at One o'clock in the afternoon, to nominate and appoint one or more person or persons to be a Commissioner or Commissioners for dividing, allotting, and inclosing the said open and common arable fields, under the provisions of an Act passed in the sixth and seventh years of the reign of his late Majesty King William the Fourth, entitled "An Act for facilitating the Inclosure of open and Arable Fields in England and Wales", and in pursuance of and agreement in writing duly entered into by the Proprietors of, and Persons interested in, the said open and common Arable Fields for dividing and inclosing the same. And also to take into consideration the propriety of appointing a Surveyor or Surveyors for the purposes of the said Inclosure, and to make and enter into such Orders and Resolutions and to take such further proceedings for carrying the said Act into execution, so far as relates to the said Division and Inclosure as may be deemed expedient.

Dated 3rd May 1844

Henry Lawrence, Wm. Rayner, James Cropley, John Harlock, Henry Rayner.

Incendiary Fire at Haddenham
A stack of straw was set on fire on Wednesday morning, between 9 and 10 o'clock, on the premises of Mr Bowtell, which by the timely assistance of the neighbours, and the contrary direction of the wind, was happily subdued before any further damage ensued.

A new line of railway is in course of survey direct from Ely to Spalding, thence on to Lincoln and the North; this line passes through the village of Parson Drove, about six miles to the west of Wisbech, and if carried out it is conjectured by some, the line from Ely to Peterborough will be abandoned.

May 11 1844

Accidents
On Monday afternoon last, as the Rev. Samuel Banks, incumbent of Haddenham, was proceeding home from Ely with policeman Smith, his horse became unmanageable when about a mile from the City, and ran away. Poor Smith being alarmed jumped out of the gig and fell upon his head; he was taken up insensible, and immediately conveyed to the Windmill Public House, where he now lies in a very dangerous state, little or no hopes being entertained of his recovery.

The Rev. gentleman, we are happy to state, escaped unhurt, having the presence of mind to get out behind, and feel his feet before he left the gig. In this instance, as in many similar cases, if the parties had endeavoured to have kept their seats it is probable they would have escaped unhurt.

In the evening of the same day, as John Ward, one of the men employed in Messrs. J. And G. Halls, brewery, was sweeping the stable, when behind one of the horses which had always hitherto been thought very quiet, it began kicking violently, and unfortunately broke poor Ward's thigh, and so severe were the blows that his life is despaired of.

May 18 1844

Haddenham
It will be remembered we last week reported an accident which occurred in consequence of a horse taking fright, which was driven by the Rev. S. Banks of Haddenham, when a police officer of the name of Stephen Smith, who had been favoured with a seat by Mr. Banks, jumped from the gig, and in consequence received very severe injuries. Death has since put a period to the sufferings of the poor fellow, though the most kind and unremitting care and attention had been paid to him by the medical gentleman and his Superintendent Mr Lipscombe. Smith had been an officer in the Isle of Ely constabulary since the period of its being established, and was highly and deservedly esteemed by every officer and man in the force, as an evidence of which his remains were voluntarily followed to the grave on Tuesday last, at Haddenham, by Captain Hampton, chief constable, Superintendent Burrow, Lipscombe, and Atkinson; Serjeants Chambers and Morris; and by not less than 20 of his brother officers. The service was impressively read by Mr. Banks, whose own escape from a similar fate was most providential. The unusual attendance of so many of the police force, and the peculiar circumstances of the case coupled with the general respect which Smiths' good conduct had created for him at Haddenham, caused an unusually large attendance of persons to witness the funeral.

May 25 1844

June 1 1844

Ely Union
Bread and Flour Contracts
The Board of Guardians of the above Union, give Notice, that they will, at their fortnightly meeting at the Union Workhouse, in Ely, on Thursday, 13th inst., receive Tenders for supplying the said Workhouse and the Out-door Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief Districts, with Bread and Flour, from 21st instant, to the 19th September next Inclusive viz

Good Third Flour, at per stone
Good Bread, made of the same quality of Flour (24 hours old) at per 4lb loaf
Good Beef without bone, Mutton and Suet, at per stone
To be delivered to the said Workhouse at such times, and in such quantities as the board of guardians shall order, and to be supplied to the Paupers in every Parish, in such quantities as shall be expressed in ticket issued by the relieving Officer.
N.B. Each Tender must be for supplying One relief district, at least.

Sealed tenders, indorsed "Tenders for Bread and Flour", to be left at my office, the day previous to the meeting, otherwise they will not be received, and samples must be produced at the board.

The relieving Officers have strict orders to settle with the Contractors every week for goods ordered by them.

Contractors to give such security for the due performance of their Contracts, as the Board may require; but the Guardians do not pledge themselves to accept the lowest, or any of the Tenders.

N. B. All persons having any demands upon the said Union, are requested to send in their bills to me n or before 30th instant, containing full particulars of all the articles furnished, or work done under the order of the Boars, up to and including the 19th instant accompanied with the orders themselves.
By order of the Board
William Marshall, Clerk

The Thetford Fen District
Notice is hereby given, that the Commissioners for the Drainage of the above District, appointed under an Act passed in the present session of Parliament, entitled "An Act for dividing, allotting, and enclosing lands in the Hamlet of Thetford, in the Parish of Stretham, in the Isle of Ely, and County of Cambridge, and for draining and embanking certain parts of the said lands, and other lands in the said Hamlet, and in other parishes in the said Isle and County", will pursuant to the directions of the said Act, hold their first General Meeting on Wednesday, the twelfth day of June next, at the Three Horse Shoes public house, in Thetford aforesaid, at Ten o'clock in the forenoon.
Dated 29th day of May 1844
T. and G. Archer, Solicitors for the Act.

June 8 1844

Ely Open Fields Inclosure
We, Anthony Jackson, Thomas Utton and James Jones, the Commissioners appointed for Inclosing the Open and Common Arable Fields in the parish of Saint Mary, in Ely, in the Isle of Ely, in the County of Cambridge, under the authority of an Act of Parliament passed in the sixth and seventh year of the reign of his late Majesty, entitled, "An Act for facilitating the Inclosure of Open and Arable Fields in England and Wales" acting in execution of the powers vested in us by the said Act, and by an Act of Parliament therein mentioned and passed in the forty-first year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the Third, do hereby give notice, that we have set out and appointed the following Public Carriage Roads and Highways through and over the Lands and Grounds intended to be divided, allotted and inclosed. (viz)

One Public Carriage-road and Highway, called the Downham Road, of the width of forty feet, commencing at the north-west corner of an orchard belonging to Henry Lawrence, and proceeding in its present course to the point where it enters the parish of Downham near Fox's Baulk.

One other Public Carriage–road and Highway, of the width of forty feet, called Field-side Road, commencing at the north-west corner of an old inclosure belonging to the Master, Fellows, and Scholars of Clare Hall, in the University of Cambridge, called Hospital Close, and proceeding in its

present course to the Field-side Cottages, at or near the south west corner of an old inclosure belonging to the said Henry Lawrence, called Field-side Close.

One other Public Carriage-way and Highway, called the Chettisham Road, of the width of forty feet, diverging from the Downham and Ely Turnpike-road, near a tenement belonging to William Layton, called the Round House, and proceeding in its present course towards the hamlet of Chettisham, as for as the east corner of an old inclosure belonging to the said William Layton, called Chapel Close.

The several Turnpike Roads passing through the said fields, the same to be respectively of the width of thirty feet from the centre thereof, where they respectively pass by or through the lands intended to be divided and allotted.

And we do further give Notice, that we have prepared maps of the said Carriage Roads, in which the same are accurately laid down and described, and that such maps are deposited with Mr. Thomas Archer, of Ely, one of our clerks, for the inspection of all parties concerned.

And we do also give Notice, that we shall attend at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Tuesday, the second of July next, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon; and that we shall then, in conjunction with any Justice or Justices of the Peace acting for the Division in which the said fields are situate, and who may then attend, hear and determine objections from any persons who may consider themselves injured or aggrieved by the setting out of such roads, or the omission of others.
Dated this sixth day of June, 1844
Anth'y Jackson
Tho. Utton
James Jones.

June 15 1844

The Railway
It is said that arrangements have been effected by the London and Birmingham Railway Co. with the Eastern Counties, for the purchase of their line from Ely to Peterborough.

The Weather
The long and unusual drought is being felt very much in this agricultural district, the river Nene in many places having but few feet of water, and the Fens being exceedingly dry.

Isle of Ely Adjourned Sessions
Notice is hereby given that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden by adjournment, at the George Inn, in Chatteris, on Wednesday 26th June, instant, at 12 o'clock at noon, on which day and at which hour the business relating to the assessment, application or management of the Isle Stock or Rate will commence and be done in open court; and after such business is disposed of the business relating to the Constabulary Force of the Isle will begin and be contracted in open court.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech.

Confirmation
The Lord Bishop of the Diocese will hold a confirmation at March Church, on Tuesday next 18th instant.

June 22 1844

The Weather
The long drought has been interrupted at last by some most refreshing showers. The rain has still been but partial, but the aspect of the weather is promising.

Isle of Ely Police Intelligence
Ely
Before the Rev. G. Millers
June 2nd

Robert Tingey, of Ely Trinity, charged with stealing from the premises of J. Hall. Esq., a quantity of turf, Remanded until Thursday 6th June, then committed for trial.

June 5th

George Walkerly, of Ely Trinity, shoemaker, charged with stealing a tambourine, the property of William Randall, remanded and committed for trial, by W. Layton Esq.
Before the Rev. G. Millers and W. Layton Esq.

June 6th

John Chapman, of Wilburton, charged with stealing a sack and potatoes, property of W. Martin, farmer, remanded until 10th instant and then discharged.

John Knights of Littleport, charged with assaulting Thomas Knights. Allowed to settle on payment of costs.

June 29 1844
Ely
Royal Mail Horses
To be Sold by Auction, By Mr John Cross
On Thursday next 4th July, at
4 o'clock in the afternoon in the White Lion yard, at Ely
Ten very good and active Horses and Mares, which have been working the Lynn Mail.
The above are part of the well known stock of Messrs. George and John Hall, and will be sold in consequence of a reduction in the Mail.
Ely June 27 1844

Isle of Ely
Police Intelligence
Ely.
Before the Rev. G. Millers
June 10th

Thomas Smith and John Todd vagrants, with refractory conduct in the Ely Union Workhouse. Committed for 21 days.

Thomas Bate of Ely Trinity, with stealing four fowls. Committed for trial at the Sessions.

James Pledger, of Haddenham, with stealing 4lbs Pork. Committed for trial at Sessions.

June 13th
Before the Very Rev. the Dean and Rev. G. Millers

Sarah Canham, of Littleport, with assault, dismissed.

Wm Cox, James Prior, and Wm Warner, of Ely Trinity, with destroying a quantity of fish, in a fishery belonging to Wm. Gotobed, of Ely. Fined 1s each and 9s each costs. Committed in default for 7 days.

June 14th
Before Rev. G. Millers, Rev. Dr Franks, Rev. J. H. Sparke.

Wm. Cranwell, of Ely Trinity, gardener, with violently assaulting Wm. Munson and Catherine his wife. Fined £1 and 14s 6d costs, for the assault on Mrs. Munson, and bound over, himself in £50, and two sureties in £25 each for appearance on 1st July.

Catherine Thomas, with begging in Ely, Ordered to leave the town immediately.

July 6 1844
Marriage – on Wednesday last, at Trinity Church Ely, (by the Rev. Mr. Mann. M.A.) – Mann Esq., to Eliza, daughter of George Hall Esq.

Caution to Drunkards

New hooks have been provided at Ely for offenders of this class, who will be exhibited for public ridicule opposite the Shire Hall in future.

House of Correction
The new House of Correction at Ely is finished, and the unfortunate prisoners have taken possession of its solitary cells.

Railway
A large quantity of implements and materials have reached Ely within the last few days, and workmen are employed in building workshops, stables, etc.

Preparations on an extensive scale are being made for the carrying on this undertaking; the double rail is to be carried on from Ely to Norwich, and the gage made so that the same carriages may go on to Yarmouth.

The exact place for the station at Ely, has not yet been determined upon, but little doubts remain that it will be near the bridge, beside the Newmarket road, this will be the most convenient spot for the townspeople.

Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions
(Before Rev. H. Fardell, Rev. J. Jackson, Rev. W. G. Townley, J. T. Cook, Joseph Cox, G. J. Huddlestone, R. Fryer Esqs.)

The Chairman in addressing the Grand Jury, said that though the calendar contained many cases, there was but one, which was for uttering counterfeit coins, to which he need draw their attention; but before he dismissed them he felt it his duty briefly to allude to the cases of incendarism in some parts of the isle and adjoining counties.

It had been thought by some that it was to be traced to the low rate of wages; but he thought that we must also look to other causes. The daring character of vagrancy, which was a point of exceeding difficulty upon which to legislate, had increased to an alarming extent.

As Chairman of this Union he would state to them the number of vagrants that had been relieved at the Union houses.

Year	Males	Females	Children
1840	263	31	22
1841	267	24	18
To June 1844	1192	78	114

And having enquired of the relieving-officers what number had received relief from them he found it to be about half that number. He begged in conclusion to state to them, and through them to the ratepayers of the Isle, that the various memorials presented to the magistrates, praying for a discontinuance of the isle police force, had received their most attentive consideration, but in consequence of the great public works contemplated in the isle, the magistrates were unanimously of opinion that at the present time it would not be safe.

A Rate of a half-penny in the pound was laid for the Police Force for the ensuing quarter for the Ely and Chatteris Divisions, and none required for Wisbech and Whittlesea.

Robert Tingay, of Ely, for stealing turf from George and John Hall, of Ely. - guilty – 14 days hard labour.

Thomas Bates, of Ely, for stealing 4 fowls from Simon Flatt of Littleport, - guilty – 2 months imprisonment and hard labour.

No trial bill against James Pledger charged with stealing a piece of pork and some money, from Robert Jackson of Haddenham.

Thomas Couts, of Ely, charged with stealing a musical snuff box from Richard Watson of Ely, who keeps the Fish and Duck Inn, Prickwillow, guilty one months' imprisonment and hard labour.

Michael Jordan and Peter Barton, for uttering on the 1st of June last, a counterfeit 6d each, having others in their possession, and knowing them to be bad. Verdict guilty – nine months' imprisonment each and hard labour.

John Watson of Whittlesea, pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing a tea-spoon and four glasses from Henry Ward of same place. 3 months' hard labour.

Richard Berrage of Whittlesea, pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing a fleece of wool, from William Ashling, of Whittlesea. 3 months' imprisonment and hard labour on 13th April 3 weeks imprisonment.

Samuel Woollard – charged with stealing a watch from Joseph Taylor of Leverington. Guilty six months', and hard labour.

Robert Higham, for stealing three bushels of meal from Samuel Skelton, of Manea. Guilty 3 months and hard labour.

John Cork, for breaking into the home of John Stokely, of Manea and stealing various articles of clothing – Guilty – Ten years transportation.

William Vickers – charged with stealing a pair of boots and a silk handkerchief, from John Earth of Upwell. 14 days imprisonment and hard labour.

John Glover for stealing a purse and £2.15 from John Croft of Wisbeach, Guilty but recommended for mercy. Two months imprisonment and hard labour.

John Matthews for stealing a silver spoon, a pair of stockings and other articles from Thomas Chesterfield of Wisbech, Guilty, seven years transportation.

George Ramshaw and Richard Tolliday of Elm, (on bail) charged with stealing wearing apparel from Mary Mitchell, of Elm, Guilty two months' imprisonment and hard labour.

No true bills against Wm. Panton and Wm. Dawson for stealing a pair of stockings from Thomas Greggs of Wisbech, and Wm. Chambers, for stealing money and other articles from Margaret Fall, of Wisbech.

No true bill against John Cox, for stealing money from John Woods of Whittlesea, prosecutor not appearing.

Thursday

Wm Howell, pleaded guilty to stealing a pair of shoes from Joseph Moore of Wisbech. Two months' imprisonment and hard labour.

James Brown, pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing a pair of velveteen breeches from Edward Lydett of Wisbech. Two months' and hard labour.

Wm Smith, on bail, pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing two pounds of sausages from Wm. Plater of Wisbech.

Inquest

On Wednesday last, an inquest was held before H. R. Evans, jun., gent, on the body of Hezakiah Cross, aged 3 years, who, on the day previous fell into a drain near Prickwillow. The mother and brother-in-law were in the field making hay, when the unfortunate child stole away from them, and in a few minutes was found drowned. Verdict Accidental death.

July 13 1844

July 20 1844

Birth - On Saturday, the 13th inst., at Mepal, the lady of Robert Vipan, Esq., of a son and heir.

The Bishop of Ely, will hold an Ordination at Ely, on Advent Sunday, the 1st day of December next. Candidates for Holy Orders are desired to transmit the requisite papers, pre-paid to his Lordships Secretary John Burder Esq., 27, Parliament Street, Westminster, on or before the first day of November next. Candidates for Deacon's Orders, except on College Titles, or those who have

passed the Voluntary Examination in the University of Cambridge, are to give immediate notice to the Bishop, at the Palace, Ely, of their intention to offer themselves, unless they should have already had communication with his Lordship.
Ely House, July 1844

July 27 1844

August 3 1844

Marriage – On Thursday 1st inst., at the District Church of the Holy Trinity, Grays Inn Road, London (by the Rev. W. G. Worthington. D.D.) William Marshall, Esq., solicitor of Ely, to Phoebe Andrews, youngest daughter of the late Mr Edward Cropley, of Witchford.

Eastern Counties Railway Company
Extension Line between Cambridge and Ely
Hall Fen, Hamlet of Thetford
Parish of Streatham

Whereas by an Act passed in the seventh and eight yours of the reign of her present Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act to enable the Eastern Counties Railway Company to make a railway from the Northern and Eastern railway, at Newport, by Cambridge to Ely, and from thence eastward to Brandon, and westward to Peterborough," with respect to such lands as are authorised to be taken and used for the purposes of the said Railway as were common lands, or lands in the nature thereof, and not parcel or holden of any Manor, it is Enacted, that the compensation to be paid for such last mentioned lands shall be determined by agreement between the Company and a Committee of the parties entitled to commonable rights in such lands, to be appointed as next therein and hereinafter mentioned. And it is further Enacted, that the Company may convene a meeting of the parties entitled to commonable or other rights over or in such lands, to be held at some convenient place in the neighbourhood of the lands, for the purpose of their appointing a Committee to treat with the Company for the compensation to be paid for the extinction of such commonable or other rights, and every such Meeting shall be called by public advertizement, to be inserted twice at least in some newspaper circulating in the county, or in the respective counties, in which such lands shall be situate, not more than fourteen nor less than seven days prior to any such Meeting; and the Meeting so called may appoint a Committee, not exceeding five in number, of the parties entitled to any such rights, and at such meeting the decision of the majority present shall bind the minority and all absent parties. And it is further Enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Committee so chosen to enter into an agreement with the Company for the compensation to be paid for the extinction of such commonable and other rights and all matters relating thereto for and on behalf of themselves and all other parties interested therein, and all such parties shall be bound by such agreement; and that it shall be lawful for such Committee to execute any assurances for the purpose of conveying the lands in respect of which such compensation shall be paid, and that the receipt of such Committee or of any three of them for such compensation shall be an effectual discharge for the same; and that such compensation when received shall be apportioned by the Committee amongst the several persons interested in according to their respective interests, but that the Company shall not be bound to see to the apportionment or to the application of such Compensation, nor be liable to the mis-application or non-application thereof. Now, therefore, the said Eastern Counties Railway Company, in pursuance of the powers and provisions aforesaid, do hereby convene a Meeting of the parties entitled to commonable or other rights over or in the common land called Hall Fen, in the Hamlet of Thetford and parish of Streatham, in the Isle of Ely and county of Cambridge, to be holden at the Three Horse-shoes Inn in Thetford aforesaid, on Tuesday 6th August next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of appointing a Committee to treat with the Company for the compensation to be paid for the extinction of such commonable or other rights over so much of the said common land, called Hall Fen, as may be required for the purposes of the said recited Act, and the railway and Works thereby authorized to be made, and for the purpose of conveying the land in respect of which such compensation should be paid, and of receiving and giving a discharge for such compensation, and to have and exercise all other the powers and authorities in or by the said recited Act vested in them and relation to.
Dated 25th July 1844

Crowder and Maynard
57 Coleman St, London
Solicitors for the Company.
August 10 1844
Valuable
Freehold and Copyhold Estates, Ely
To be Sold by Auction by J. Wentworth
At the White Hart Inn, Ely, on Wednesday August 21st, 1844 at six o'clock in the evening.

Lot 1. Two Freehold brick, timber, and tiled Messuages or Tenements, situated in market St., occupied by Nixon and Maile, together with the ground in front, enclosed by a palisade fence, and a back entrance. Apportioned Land Tax 5s.

Lot 2. A valuable and productive Orchard, well planted with fruit trees, together with six cottages on the same, situated in Potter's Lane.
The whole containing 1A 2R 9P now in occupation of James Onion, and his under tenants.
Copyhold of Ely Porta. Quit rent 6s 6d. Apportioned Land Tax 16s.

Lot 3. A brick and slate Dwelling house, on Fore Hill, presumed to be a first rate situation for almost any kind of business, possessing an attractive and commanding front shop, with two bow windows, parlour, kitchen, and cellar; three rooms on the one-pair floor, and three cheerful bedrooms over; there is also a private entrance, together with the yard and roomy premises in the same, and a pump of fine water. The whole of this lot is let to Mr. Sturton, chemist and druggist, at the very low rent of £31. 10s per annum, and as Mr S's tenancy expires at Michaelmas next, possession may be had on completion of the purchase.
Copyhold of Ely Porta. Quit rent, 1s 2d. Apportioned land Tax, 16s.

Lot 4. An Allotment of exceeding rich land, containing nearly six acres (exclusive of the small piece required by the Railway Company), in Caudle Fen abutting on Fen Drove, and lying between lands belonging to the Feoffees of Ely and James Yarrow, as now in occupation of Mr Wm. Haylock.
Copyhold of Ely Porta. Quit rent 1s 2d.

Further particulars of Messrs. Harris and Sumpter, solicitors, or of J. Wentworth auctioneer, opposite Trinity College.

Isle of Ely, Money Immediately Wanted
The magistrates of the Isle of Ely are desirous of Borrowing Eight Thousand Pounds, on Mortgage of the Isle Rates, in sums of Five Hundred Pounds each, to be repaid to the Landers, after three months previous notice, by Annual Instalments, in fourteen years, the Interest in the meantime being regularly paid half-yearly as it becomes due.

Capitalists in want of Securities are requested to state personally, or by letter, the sums they are ready to advance on the security proposed, with the lowest rate of interest they are willing to accept, to the Clerk of the Peace of the Isle, of whom further information may be had.
By Order
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech, August 7 1844
August 17 1844
August 24 1844
Ely Union Contracts
The Board of Guardians of the above Union, give notice, that they will at their Weekly meeting at the union Workhouse, in Ely, on Thursday 5th September next, receive Tenders for supplying the

said Workhouse and Out-door Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief Districts with Bread and Flour, from 19th September to 18 December next.
Good Thirds Flour, at per stone
Bread made of the same quality of Flour (24 hours old) 4lb Loaf
Beef (without bone), Mutton, and Suet, at per stone
They are also desirous of contracting from 21st Sept. to 21st March next, for such quantities of the undermentioned Articles as may from time to time be required at the said workhouse, for the use of the said Union.

Provisions etc

Cheese, Rice, and Potatoes, at per cwt.
Hard yellow soap, Salt, moist sugar, Oatmeal and Soda, at per stone
Butter, Tea, and Dip Candles, at per lb
Peas, at per coomb; Ale and Milk, at per gallon
Coals at per ton; Turf at per 1000
Port wine and Best British Brandy, at per pint

Clothing etc

Beaverteen, for boys' suits, at per yard
Strong grey Army Cloth, for old mens' suits;
and twilled Calico, for lining the same, at per yard
Mens' and Boys; strong Dowlas Shirts, at per dozen
Bed ticking and Sheeting, at per yard
Mens' Womens' boys', and girls] ankle Shoes; and strong knitted worsted
Stockings, at per pair
Worsted, at per lb; Cocoa-nut Fibre, at per cwt.
Flannel and Shroud Flannel, Hemp, calico and Chambry, at per yard

Sealed tenders, indorsed "Tenders for Bread and Flour", to be left at y office, the day previous to the meeting, otherwise they will not be received, and samples must be produced at the board.

The relieving Officers have strict orders to settle with the Contractors every week for goods ordered by them.

Contractors to give such security for the due performance of their Contracts, as the Board may require; but the Guardians do not pledge themselves to accept the lowest, or any of the Tenders.

N.B. All persons having any demands upon the said Union, are requested to send in their bills to me n or before 30th instant, containing full particulars of all the articles furnished, or work done under the order of the Boars, up to and including the 18th instant accompanied with the orders themselves.
By order of the Board
William Marshall, Clerk

August 31 1844

Ely

On Saturday there was a dispute between some Ely and Witchford gleaners, which terminated very disastrously. There is a great jealousy of gleaners going out of their own parish, and many fights have taken place among the fair sex in consequence. It appears that Mr H. Lawrence gave permission to his Witchford work people to glean in Ely parish, and his Ely people to glean on his Witchford farm; this was resented by some people of the latter place, and the Ely people being in a waggon were pelted which caused the horses to run away and overthrow the waggon, when one person named E. Chapman, had a leg broken, a little girl, named Chapman, had her fingers crushed so that amputation was necessary, and others were hurt more slightly.

Rich Highland Grazing and Arable Farm
Ely
To be Let on Lease, for five Years from

Michaelmas next, either entire, or in 2 or 3 portions.
Barton farm
It consists of 294 Acres of Land, of excellent quality, and in the highest state of cultivation, and a good Homestall.

The principal part of the Farm adjoins the Turnpike Road from Cambridge to Ely, and the whole of it is well situate for land and water communications, and well within the distance of two miles from Ely, and near the Railway now forming to London and Norwich.
Apply to Messrs T. and G. Archer, Solicitors Ely.

September 7 1844
Free Inn and Public Houses and Garden Ground at Ely
To be Let by Tender, and entered upon on the 29th September instant, the undermentioned desirable lots, belonging to the Governors of the Poors' Land in Ely, and now in occupation of Messrs. Nash and Co., of the town of Cambridge.

Lot 1. The Swan Inn and Public House situate near the Waterside, in the town of Ely, with the out-houses, yard, stables, beer store house, blacksmith's shop, and wharfage and crane belonging to the premises.
Lot 2. A piece of Market Garden Ground, in a good state of cultivation, containing Two Acres (more of less) situate neat Lot 1.
Lot 3. The Cross Keys public house, situate on the bank of the New River, below the town of Ely, with stables and offices attached; and 2A 6P of land situate in Padnal fen, in Ely, near the public-house.

Lots 1 and 2 will be let for the term of Eight years, and Lot 3 for one year certain.

Parties desirous of tendering, are requested to forward their tenders sealed and addressed to Mr. Goodwyn Archer, of Ely, Clerk to the said Governors, before the 19th of September instant and to state the amount of rent at per annum.

Full particulars may be obtained on application to the Clerk, or to Mr. Francis Phipps, of Downham Lane, Ely.
September 14 1844
This Day
Downham Open Fields Inclosure
I, the undersigned, James Jones, the Commissioner for Inclosing the Open and Arable Fields in the Parish of Downham, in the isle of Ely, under the authority of an Act of Parliament, passed in the six and seventh years of the reign of his late Majesty, entitled "An Act for, facilitating the Inclosure of Open and Arable Fields in England and Wales", do hereby give Notice, that I shall attend at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, in the said Isle, This Day, Saturday 14th September instant at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of giving information of the Allotments by me proposed to be made to the proprietors of the Lands and Grounds to be Inclosed by virtue of the said Act, in lieu of their rights and interest therein, when and where the Said proprietors may see such Allotments delineated upon a map or Plan to be then and there produced for their inspection.
Dated 2nd day of September 1844
James Jones, Commissioner.

Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions of the Peace, will be holden by adjournment, at the Sessions House, in Wisbech, on Saturday 21st September instant at Twelve o'clock at noon.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace.

Isle of Ely
Notice is hereby given, that M. Prendergast, Esq., the Barrister appointed to Revise the Lists of Voters, in the Election of Knights of the Shire, for the County of Cambridge, has appointed Courts to be held for the Revision of such Lists, so far as respects the Isle of Ely, at the places and times and for the several Districts after mentioned (that is to say) -

At the Sessions House, in the city of Ely, Saturday 28th September instant at Ten in the forenoon, for revising the said Lists.

In the Hundred of Ely, Downham; Saint Mary, in Ely; the Holy Trinity in Ely; Littleport

In the South part of the Hundred of Witchford, Coveney, Haddenham, Mepal, Stretham, Sutton, Thetford, Wentworth, Wilburton, Witcham, Witchford.

In the North part of the Hundred of Witchford, Chatteris, Manae, Welches Dam.
At the Falcon Inn, in the town of Whittlesea, on Monday 30th September instant at Ten o'clock, in the forenoon for revising the said Lists.

In the North part of the Hundred of Witchford, Benwick, Doddington, March, Wimblington.

In the Liberties of Whittlesey and Thorney and Parish of Stanground,
Stanground, Thorney Abbey, Whittlesey St Andrew, Whittlesey St Mary.

At the Sessions House, in the town of Wisbech, on Tuesday 1st October next, at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, for revising the said lists.

In the Hundred of Wisbech
Elm, Leverington, Newton, Outwell, Parson Drove, Tid St. Giles, Upwell, Welney, Wisbech St Mary's, Wisbech St. Peter's

And for all other Parishes, Hamlets, Places in the said Isle (if any) not herein before enumerated.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace for the Isle of Ely.
September 21 1844
Ely – Sale of Land
As soon as the Commissioners have set out the Allotments in the Fields of Ely, the following Estates will be offered for Sale by Auction, in Lots convenient for purchasers, namely – Four Old Inclosures of Pastures and Arable Land at Thistley Corner and Waterden, together about 18 acres: Four Closes of old Pasture and Arable Land, in West Fen, together about 37 acres, all principally Freehold, remainder copyhold of Ely Barton; Two closes in Bridge and Middle Fen, six acres each, Copyhold of Ely Barton; a Close of old Pasture, called Brown's Close, adjoining the Union Workhouse and road to Mepal, containing 7 acres, copyhold of Ely Barton; a substantial Farm House, dovecote, granary, and spacious Farmyard and buildings comprising more than an acre of Land, in Cow Lane, copyhold of Ely Barton, all in the occupation of Messrs. C. and R. Hills; a Leasehold Estate, for years called the Great Amorey Lease, comprising about 44 acres of Arable and 12 acres of old Pasture, lying together in a ring fence in Braham Field, 2 acres of old Pasture at Churcham, 12 acres in Middle Fen, and six acres in Burnt Fen, and about 120 acres of newly allotted Land in Braham Field, between the side-bar and Witchford, all adjoining the turnpike-road from Ely to Mepal.
Will Lawrence, Solicitor, Peterborough.

Ely and Bedford Railway
Capital £270,000, in shares 10,800 of £25 each,

Deposit £1 per share.
Length of Line 43 miles.

Provisional Committee

The Worshipful the Mayor of Lynn
Wyrley Birch, Esq., Wretham Hall, Norfolk
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With power to add to their number

Engineer

George Watson Buck, Esq.

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Secretary

W. Williams Esq.

Prospectus

This Railway is intended to commence at the junction of the Eastern Counties and the proposed Lynn and Ely Railway, at the City of Ely, and to proceed thence, via St Ives, Huntingdon, and St Neots, to Bedford, forming there a junction with the proposed Railway from that town to the Bletchly Station on the London and Birmingham Railway, and thus connecting the important Towns through which it passes, and the surrounding country, with the Metropolis, the ports of Lynn and Yarmouth, and all the Ports and Watering Places on the Eastern Coast, the towns of Birmingham, Manchester and Liverpool, and all the North, West, Midland, and South-west parts of England.

It may be found desirable in effect a junction with the Eastern Counties' Line at some point a few miles south of Ely, instead of going direct to that city, thus giving to the towns and country through which the line will pass, a direct communication with Cambridge, and the Country Eastward and Southward.

When the projected lines between the London and Birmingham and the Great Western Railways are carried into effect, this Railway will be the shortest and most direct route from the Eastern to the South-western parts of the kingdom.

The Preliminary Survey of the whole Line has been made and the Levels ascertained, and the Line itself has been inspected and carefully examined by Mr Buck, whose report is most favourable in every respect. No gradient on the Line will exceed 1 in 1000; there are no engineering difficulties to be overcome, and no expensive works will be required.

Mr Buck confidently estimates that the proposed Capital of £270,000 will be ample for the construction of a single line railway (with Land, Earthwork, Bridges, Etc., for a double line), including stations and all requisite appendages, purchase of Land, costs of Surveys and Act of Parliament, and every other expense.

The Promoters have considered it unnecessary, at this late period of the year, to incur the delay which must attend the obtaining a detailed account of Traffic, for, on looking to the scources from which Traffic must inevitably be concentrated on the line, and to the fact that the line must, from its position, for ever remain free from competition, and that the estimate for its construction (including every expense) does not exceed £6,300 per mile, it appears perfectly evident that the income of the proposed line must ensure to the Subscribers an ample dividend. A calculation of Traffic has, however, been prepared in the usual manner, and shews, after deducting 40 per cent, for working expenses and management (a most liberal allowance in this case) a return of £9 per cent, on the Capital.

It is expected that the Line will be completed within 15 months after obtaining the sanction of parliament, and it is proposed to obtain power in the Act to allow interest, at the rate of £3.10 per cent per annum, on the paid up Capital from the dates of each payment, until the completion of the Railway.

Applications for Shares to be made in the annexed form to the respective Solicitors; to Messrs Tucker, Barnett and Ellis; 11 Birchin Lane, and
Mr Stephen Cannon, 26 Tokenhouse Yard, London;
Messrs Joseph King and Son, and Mr. Richard Dawson, Liverpool;
Messrs T. Cardwell & Sons, Manchester;
Mr. Nathaniel Lea, Birmingham;
Messrs R. B. Watson and Co, and Messrs Ridsdale and Co. Leeds;
Mr R. Binney, Wakefield;
Messrs Collinson and Flint, Hull;
Messrs Grayston and Earle, York;
Messrs Garton and Wright, Sheffield;
and Messrs Beaumont, Kennedy, and Binks, Bradford,
from all of whom prospectuses with plans may be obtained.

The Share List will be closed on Wednesday 25th instant, and the Provisional Committee will meet on Friday 27th instant, to Allot the Shares.

September 28 1844

Marriage – On the 25th instant, at Trinity Church, Ely, Mr Papworth, of Brandon, to Rachel, only daughter of Mr Household, builder, of the former city.

Death – On Tuesday last, at Downham, near Ely, deeply lamented by a large circle of friends, and after a short illness, the Rev. Wm. Tilden, M. A. Curate of that parish.

Barton Farm, Ely

25 Horses, 5 Cows, 23 beasts
All The Valuable Highland and Fen Farming Implements
3 Acres of Potatoes, and other effects.
Will be Sold by Auction (By Wm. Medland)
On Wednesday 9th October, 1844, at Ten o'clock, the property of Robert Martin, Esq., who is leaving the Barton land, and has let the Soham Farms; the stock from the latter will be removed to Ely for convenience of Sale.
Catalogues may be had at the prinicipal Inns in the neighbourhood.

Fatal Accident
On Monday last, an inquest was held at the Ship Inn, Ely, before H. R. Evans, Esq., gent, coroner, on the body of Alice Layton, aged 78 years, who was found in the river at about 1 o'clock of the previous day near her house. It appeared deceased was in the habit of going to dine with some of her children on the Sunday, and was on her way thither when she slipped off the planks which were laid across the river on the Sunday for the accommodation of persons residing at Babylon. – James Cooper and another, who were going from her house about twenty minutes after they had seen deceased, were alarmed at the sight of some one lying in the water: they immediately pulled her out, and every means were used for restoring life in vain. Verdict - Accidental death.

Railway
This undertaking is fast progressing, about 1,200 men being employed at different places on the line between Cambridge and Norwich. The embankment from Ely to Brandon will in a few weeks, should the weather be fine, be ready for receiving the sleepers; in some places the stations are nearly complete, large parties are rapidly driving the piles of the bridges which will soon be finished, and it is hoped that the Navigation Commissioners will insist that no impediment shall be raised to the Humber Keels navigating the river. Vessels of about 80 tons burden now come up as far as Ely waterside, and this being about to become an important railway place, doubtless most of the coal for the counties of Cambridge, Suffolk, Bedford, and part of Norfolk will be shipped to this city.

It is understood the Company still continue firm in their determination to have the station in the most convenient situation for the public, that is near the bridge, on a piece of land belonging to Mr. Wm. Haylock: an effort has been made by some parties to have it in the Cresswells, which would have entailed upon the public, as well as the Company, a great expense, but happily in vain.

March Statute
The usual statute fair was held in this town on Friday week, and was very well attended.

Though considerable rain fell during the day, nothing seemed to damp the good humour of the holiday matters, daylight only silencing the screams of the fiddle and stilling the heels of the dancers.

Thorney Fair
The fair at Thorney took place on Saturday last, when the show of cart-horses was far better than that of nags. The *knowing-ones*, as usual, attended the fair, but floats were not so plentiful as on former occasions, and very little business was accomplished.

October 5 1844

Registration
On Tuesday last, Mr Prendergast, the barrister, revised the lists of voters for the Isle of Ely, and we understand there was not a single objection made by either the Conservative or Whig party throughout the Isle consequently the Barrister's duties were light.

A few objections were made by the overseers to parties on account of death etc.

Ely and Bedford Railway
A correspondent writes to us in very indignant terms about the declaration in opposition to the project which appeared in our columns last week. He ascribes it to "petty and ill-judged local predilections", and contends that the Ely and Bedford Railway would in no degree interfere with the London and York Line.

Valuable Estates, Ely
To Be Sold by Auction (by Mr. C. M. Bidwell)
On Thursday 24th October instant, at the Lamb Inn, Ely,
at four o'clock in the afternoon, in 34 Lots.
Desirable either for Investment or Occupation
A Farmhouse, two Farm Homesteads;
30 acres of strong Skirting Land, in West Fen,
20 acres of ditto in Waterden;
12 acres in Middle Fen;
7 acres of very superior Old Grazing Land, close to Ely;
about 100 acres of newly allotted Open Field Land, in convenient Lots.
And a Leasehold Estate, for years held under the Dean and Chapter of Ely, comprising altogether about 70 Acres of old inclosed Pasture, Fen, and newly allotted arable Land.

Mr. C. M. Bidwell, auctioneer and surveyor, Ely, will show recent surveys and plans of all the Lots, and furnish every other particular.
October 12 1844
Full account of 33 Lots of the above sale will be found on page 3. October 12.

Isle of Ely
Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely will be holden at the Sessions House, in Ely, on Wednesday 16th October instant, at Ten o'clock, forenoon, at which hour the chair will be taken.
Hugh Jackson,
Clerk of the Peace.
October 19 1844
Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions
Held on Wednesday last before the Rev. Henry Fardell, Chairman, the Rev. Gale Townley, The Rev. Dr. Peacock, Rev. H. Millars, Rev. Dr. Colville, Rev. Dr. Maddy, Rev. Tobias Cook, W. Layton Esq., J. Fryer Esq., and other Magistrates.

The Rev. Chairman, in his address to the Grand Jury alluded to the passing of the Act for the Abolishment of Imprisonment for Debt, and congratulated them that by it the poor man would not now have those inducements held out to him to get into debt, which, by want of foresight, and by paying dearer for what he purchased, not infrequently involved him in ruin. He also urged upon the Grand Jury in the most humane and feeling manner, the duty that devolved upon the better classes of finding work for the able bodied labourers.

It was to the interest of all, not only to find work for the labourer, but to adequately remunerate him. Without this feeling were general, it would be useless to attempt to carry out with effect the many salutary provisions of the Poor Law Bill, and if they adopted it, they might be assured that they would see no more fires, and hear no more about incendiarians, and they would have the extra satisfaction of feeling that they, the employers were "eyes to the blind and feet to the lame."

Prisoners

Richard Orderly (21) charged with stealing a pair of boots, property of Samuel Claxton of Elm, found guilty, and the Chairman after severely reprimanding him, sentenced him to three months' hard labour.

Thomas Horley (31) an itinerant bone-merchant, was indicted for stealing three fleeces of wool, the property of Moses Snushall, of Wisbech St Peter's. Guilty; six months' hard labour.

Mary King (23) indicted for stealing a calico chemise, the property of Henry Thompson! It had been put out to dry and was found upon the prisoners' person. Guilty; two months' hard labour.

Francis Long (25) pleaded guilty to stealing a silver watch, the property of John Fulcher, of Wisbech St. Peter's.

The Chairman said the prisoner had requested the Court to transport him for 7, 10, 15 years, in which request they could not indulge him, but would give him an opportunity to alter his course of life by sentencing him to 12 months; hard labour.

Isaac Smith (19) charged with stealing two sovereigns and a shilling, the property of John Woods of Wisbech, St Peter's, guilty, seven years transportation.

There were a dozen other cases, but none possessing any interest.

October 26 1844

Mrs D. Fortington respectfully informs the ladies of Ely, and its vicinity, that her Winter Fashion will be ready for inspection on Wednesday 30th instant.
High Street, Ely

To Builders and Others

Persons desirous of Contracting for the building and completion of Four Almshouses about to be Erected in the City of Ely, with works attached, may see the plans and specifications at the offices of Messrs. T. and G. Archer, solicitors, Ely

Tenders in writing for the above may be transmitted under seal to Messrs Archer, on or before Saturday 9th November next.

The lowest Tender will not necessarily be accepted, nor any, unless satisfactory; and the parties Tendering will do so at their on cost.
Ely, October 24 1844

November 2 1844

On Monday last, an inquest was held at Ely, before H. R. Evans, jun., gent, coroner, on the body of James Malyon, a labourer from Cavendish, near Clare, Suffolk, aged 20 years, in the employ of Mr Wm. Willson. The deceased had on Saturday evening been drinking at the Hardwicke Arms, which he left about eleven o'clock in company with Wm. Gooddy, whom he left opposite the Padnal engine. Gooddy went to his masters' stables to sleep, and the deceased crossed the river to go and sit by the fire, but was not seen after until found in the morning by Thomas Sindle, the person in charge of the engine, who, about six o'clock on the Sunday morning found the deceaseds' cap by the side of the stream, and immediately conjectured that he was drowned, which after a short search was found to be true. Verdict – found drowned.

Light Weights and Measures

At a petty sessions holden at Ely, before the Rev. G. Millers, and William Layton Esq., on the 31st ultimo, the following parties were, upon the information of the Inspector of Weights and measures Mr John Bacon, fined as follows:-

Francis Cornwell, of Downham, for light weights	£1. 10s. 6d.
James Gooly, of Ely, deficient measures `	£1. 0s. 6d
John Sindle, of Littleport, deficient measures	£1. 0s. 6d
James Yarrow, of Thetford, light weight	£1. 10s. 6d

November 9 1844
Clay Way, Ely
About a mile from Adelaide Bridge
7 Horses, 12 head of Cow Stock, 34 Sheep,
14 Pigs, 2 Sows, a Boar, Hay Straw, Manure,
neat Gig, and useful farming implements
To Be Sold by Auction (by George Legge)
On the premises, on Friday November 15th 1844 at
12 o'clock, by order of the Executors of the late Mr John Human, jun.
The Stock will be sold without reserve for ready money.

Ely
Valuable Land for Investment and Occupation
To Be Sold by Private Contract
And entered upon immediately
Eighty-Seven Acres (statute measure), in Three allotments, all adjoining the Turnpike-road from Ely to Mepal, and near to each other. Part copyhold of Ely Barton, and the remainder Freehold; lying in Dead Hill Field, Ely. For price, situation and further particulars apply to C. M. Bidwell, land agent and surveyor, Ely.

November 16 1844
St Marys' Street, Ely
Valuable and Elegant Household furniture
Billiard Table, Piano Forte, Pier Chimney and
Dressing Glasses, China, Glass and Earthenware,
Brewing Utensils, Hot house and Numerous effects.
To Be Sold by Auction (by George Legge)
By order of the Proprietor, Thomas Page, Esq., at his late residence in St Marys' Street, Ely, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 25, 26, and 27th day of November 1844 at Twelve o'clock each day.

November 23 1844
Ely Fields Inclosure
We the undersigned, being the major part of the Commissioners appointed for Inclosing the open and common Arable Fields, in the parish of St Mary, in Ely, in the Isle of Ely and County of Cambridge, under the authority of an Act of Parliament passed in the sixth and seventh years of the reign of his late Majesty, entitled, "An Act for facilitating the Inclosure of Open and Arable Fields in England and Wales," do hereby give notice, that pursuant to the powers vested in the said Commissioners by the said Act, and by an Act of Parliament therein mentioned and passed in the forty-first year of the reign of King George the Third, the said Commissioners have set out and appointed the following Private Carriage Roads and Public Bridle Road through or over or by the sides of the allotments to be made and set out by them, in pursuance of the said first mentioned Act. – videlicet –

Private Carriage Roads
No.1 One Private Carriage Road of the width of Thirty feet, commencing on the Downham road, at Fox's Baulk, and proceeding in a westerly direction along the said baulk to the Littleport and Downham District Catchwater Drain.

No. 2 One other Private Carriage Road of the width of thirty feet, commencing on the Downham Road and proceeding along Marshall End Baulk to the North West corner of an old inclosure belonging to Billett Genn.

No. 3 One other Private Carriage Road of the width of twenty feet, commencing on the Downham and Ely Turnpike-road, opposite the present gateway of an old inclosure belonging to George Norris Trent, and proceeding in a westward direction across a part of Priest Meadow Field to the said gateway.

No.4 One other Private Carriage Road of the width of Thirty feet, commencing on the Downham and Ely Turnpike road at the north-east corner of an old inclosure belonging to John Muriel and proceeding in a westward direction across Priest Meadow Field to the south-east corner of an old Inclosure belonging to the Rev. Wm. Metcalfe, thence along the east side and part of the north-west side of the said inclosure to an old inclosure belonging to Billett Genn.

No.5 On other Private Carriage road, of the width of thirty feet commencing on the Downham road at Orwell Pit Way, and proceeding in a northward direction along the said way to the north-west corner of a Mill Yard belonging to John Cross.

No. 6 One other Private Carriage Road, of the width of twenty feet, branching out of the lastly described Road at the south-west corner of an old inclosure belonging to John Henry Bringhurst, Esq., and proceeding in an eastward direction to Raventree Way, thence of the width of thirty feet along the said Way to the south-west corner of an old inclosure belonging to Elizabeth Wilson.

No. 7 One other Private Carriage Road, of the width of thirty feet commencing in Raventree Way at the north-east corner of an old enclosure belonging to John Henry Bringhurst, Esq., and proceeding in a northward direction along the said way to the present gateway of an old Enclosure belonging to Henry Rance.

No. 8 One other Private Carriage Road, of the width of thirty feet commencing at the west end of Upherd's Lane, and proceeding in a westward direction by the side of an old inclosure, called Stone Wall Close, to the north west corner of the same.

No. 9 One other Private Carriage Road, of the width of thirty feet, commencing at the southwest corner of a Mill Yard in Dead Hill Field belonging to John Cross and proceeding in southward and south-eastward directions across Dead Hill Field and by the side of old inclosures, parcel of Barton Farm, to the Mepal and Ely Turnpike road.

No. 10 One other Private Carriage Road of the width of forty feet, commencing on West Fen Way, at the south-west corner of a cottage and old inclosed garden belonging to Rebecca Barber, and proceeding in a westward direction along the said Way to the south east corner of an old inclosure belonging to James Bidwell.

No. 11 One other Private Carriage Road, of the width of thirty feet, commencing at the Mepal and Ely Turnpike road, at the south-east corner of an old inclosure called Hangman's Hill, and proceeding in a northward direction across Dead Hill Field to the division between an old inclosure called the Sheepwalk Piece and the Alderforth's farm.

No. 12 One other Private Carriage Road, of the width of thirty feet, commencing upon Dean's Lane at the south-east corner of an old inclosure belonging to Mary Bull and others, and proceeding in an eastward direction along the said lane to the southwest corner of an old inclosure belonging to Henry Lawrence.

No.13 One other Private Carriage Way, of the width of thirty feet, commencing on the Mepal and Ely Turnpike road at Dean's Lane Way, and proceeding in a southward direction along Dean's Lane Way and New Close Way, and in an eastward direction along Bedwell Hay Hunches to the west corner of an old inclosure called St George's Close.

No. 14 One other Private Carriage Road, of the width of thirty feet, commencing on the Cambridge and Ely Turnpike road at Bedwell Hay Hunches and proceeding along the same to the east corner of the said old enclosure called St George's Close.

No. 15 One other Private Carriage Road, of the width of thirty feet, branching out of the Fourteenth Private Carriage Road opposite the west end of the Pindar's Baulk, and proceeding in an eastward direction across Brahams Field to the said Baulk, and along the same to the south west corner of an old inclosure belonging to Henry Pigott.

No. 16 One other Private Carriage Road, of the width of thirty feet, commencing at the Cambridge and Ely Turnpike road, near Grizzle Hill, and proceeding in a westward direction across Braham Field, and by the north side of an old inclosure belonging to Luke Dench, to "L" Lane way, thence in a southward direction along the said way to the north-east corner of an old inclosure belonging to the churchwarden of the parish of the Holy Trinity, in Ely.

No. 17 One other Private Carriage Road of the width of Thirty feet, commencing on the Mepal and Ely Turnpike Road at the south-west corner of an old inclosure called a Fennywell Close, belonging to Wm. and Henry Rayner, and proceeding in an eastward direction to the division fence between two old inclosures belonging to Joseph Roads and Emma Wilks respectively.

Public Bridle Road and Footway
No.1 One Public Bridle Road and Footway, of the width of ten feet, commencing on the Downham and Ely turnpike road at the north corner of an old inclosure called the "T" Close, and proceeding in eastward and southward directions by the side of Chettisham Fields to the north corner of an old inclosure called the Hundred Acres, parcel of New Barns Farm.

And we also give notice, that the said Commissioners have prepared a map of the said Roads, in which the same are accurately laid down and described, and that such Map is deposited at the office of Thomas and Goodwyn Archer, of Ely, for the inspection of all parties concerned.

And that the said Commissioners will attend at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Tuesday 17th December next, at Two o'clock in the afternoon, and will then, in conjunction with any Justice or Justices of the Peace acting for the Division of the Isle of Ely in which the said Fields are situate, and who may then attend, hear, and determine objections from any persons who may consider themselves injured or aggrieved by the setting out of such Roads.
Dated this fourteenth day of November 1844
Anthy Jackson
Thos. Utton.

November 30 1844

Fatal Railway Accident
On Tuesday morning last, a fatal Accident befell Wm. Bartlett, better known by the name of "Slush", a native of Paddington, aged 23 years, a labourer employed as "tip" in constructing the railway across the Creswells near Ely, and whose duty it was to drive the horses briskly, and when they get near the place where the earth with which the wagons are loaded is required, dexterously drive them off the Tram-way, and the velocity of the waggons (about 3 tons weight each), carries them to the spot where they are tipt. The deceased, whilst thus engaged, and having hold of the hind horses head, stumbled over one of the sleepers and fell, the wagon running between his legs and passing over the lower part of the body, which caused the bowels to protrude, and dreadfully fractured the poor fellows thigh. Immediately every assistance was rendered the deceased, who lingered until death put an end to his sufferings on Wednesday evening.

Ploughing Match
The following is the award of the judges at the third annual ploughing match at Stretham last Tuesday.
To John Preston (Mr Coxhall's man, of Dimmocks' Court), a prize of £1.5s. He also gained the first prize last year at Stretham.
To Joseph Money (Mr Joseph Grangers' man, of Pardy Farm, near Barway), a prize of £1.
To Wm. Howard (Mr James Clays' man of Waterbeach) a prize of 15s.

To John Howard (Mr Samuel Granger's man, Fordy Farm) a prize of 10s.
To Reuben Money (Mr Archers' man Ely), a prize of 5s.
To Wm. Mason (Mr John Wheelers' man, Stretham) a prize of 2s 6d.
Thirty four ploughs started for the prizes in a ground in Stretham Fen, belonging to Mr John Dimmock. The judges were Mr. Wm. Pate, sen., and Mr John Read, of Haddenham, and Mr Thos. Johnson of Swaffham. After the ploughing about 60 of the supporters of the society sat down to an excellent dinner, provided by Mr Blinch, of the Chequers Inn. Mr Thomas Waddelow Granger took the chair. All the ploughmen had a good dinner provided for them and plenty of ale. Mr Headly, ironmonger of Cambridge, offered a prize of 3 guineas for the best fen plough next year.

Ely Union
Nurse Wanted
The Guardians of the above Union will, on Thursday 12th December next, at Twelve o'clock, be prepared to Elect a Nurse to the Union Workhouse.

The salary will be £13 a year (payable quarterly) together with Board and Lodging in the House.

Candidates must be able-bodied Women between the ages of 40 and 60, and none need apply who have not experience in the duties of a General Nurse, and who cannot produce to the meeting testimonials of character and ability.
By Order of the Board
W. Marshall, Clerk.

Ely
To Be Let, and entered upon immediately in one, two or three lettings.
Eight-seven Acres (statute measure) of newly allotted Land, in Dead Hill Field, Ely: Forty seven acres whereof lie on the north side of and adjoining the Turnpike road from Ely to Mepal, and Twenty acres, on the opposite side of and adjoining the same road.

The owner will if required, grant a Lease for Seven Years from Michaelmas 1844, under drain such part of the land as requires the same, and fence the allotments forthwith; and if let to one person, engage to erect in the spring sufficient Farming Buildings and a Labourers' Cottage, if desired by the Tenant.

A considerable portion is fine Turnip Land, and the whole Wheat Land of excellent quality.

For rent, situation and further particulars apply to C. M. Bidwell, land agent and surveyor Ely, and 14 Trinity St, Cambridge.

Lynn and Ely Railway
Notice is hereby given, that Application is intended to be made to Parliament, in the ensuing session for an Act for incorporating a Company for the purpose of making and maintaining a Railway, with all proper Stations, Bridges, Roads, Approaches, Warehouses, Works and Conveniences connected therewith, commencing in or near a certain field lying on the West side of the Black Friars Road, otherwise the Echo-road, in the parish of Saint Margaret, within the borough of Kings Lynn, in the County of Norfolk, and either terminating by a Junction with the Northern and Eastern, or Eastern Counties Railway, or by an independent Terminus, in or near a certain field on the south side of the turnpike road leading from Ely to Newmarket, in the parish of Ely Trinity, otherwise Ely of the Holy Trinity, or in the parish of Ely St. Mary, in the isle of Ely and county of Cambridge; or terminating by a junction with the last mentioned Railway, or by an independent terminus, at or near a certain house and premises belonging to Elizabeth Wilson, situate on the north-west side of the river Ouze, in the parish of Ely Trinity aforesaid, or terminating by a junction with the said

Northern and Eastern Railway, or at a certain point between the road leading from Ely to Adelaide Bridge, and Roslyn otherwise Rosswelll Gault Pits in the parish of Ely Trinity, which said railway will pass, in, through, or into, the several Parishes, Townships, Townlands, extra parochial and other places of St. Margaret, within the borough of Kings Lynn, South Lynn All Saints, West Lynn St Peter, Wiggenhall St Mary, Eau Brink, Saddlebow, Seech, Hardwicke, North Runcton, West Winch, Setch, Wiggenhall St. German, Wiggenhall St Peter, Tottenhall, Wormegay, Watlington, Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalene, Holme otherwise Runcton Holme, Thorpland with Wallington, Stow Bardolph, Wimbotcham, Downham Market, Bexwell, Denver, Ryston, West Ruston, Roxham, Fordham, Hilgay, Modney, Southery, Methwold, Feltwell and Littleport, or some of them, in the County of Norfolk, and from in, through, or into the several parishes and Towns of Hilgay, Southery, Littleport, Downham in the isle of Ely Chettisham, Ely St Mary and Ely Trinity in the County of Cambridge; also for making and maintaining a Branch railway from and out of the said proposed Railway, with all the proper Stations, Roads, Bridges, Approaches, Warehouses, Works and conveniences, connected therewith, commencing at or near the White Horse Farm in the parish of South Lynn, All Saints, and terminating on the east bank of the Nene adjoining the town of Wisbech on the south of the Bridge in Wisbech St. Peter, in the isle of Ely, passing through parishes of South Lynn All Saints, and parishes of Wisbech, and also for another branch Railway from and out of the said first described Railway with all necessary works commencing in a certain field on the south side of the road leading from Watlington to Wiggenhall St. Mary, and terminating on the east bank of the Nene adjoining the town of Wisbech on the South side of the Bridge. And also for making another branch railway commencing in a field belonging to Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of Kings Lynn, All Saints, and terminating at the River Ouze at or near the harbour near the outfall of the River Nar, otherwise Sandringham Eau.

And it is intended to apply for powers to make lateral deviations in the construction of the Railway and Branches to the extent, or within the limits defined upon the plans.

And it is also intended by the said Act to take powers for compulsory purchase of lands and houses, and to levy tolls, rates, and duties upon and in respect of the said Railway and Branches and works, and to confer, vary, or extinguish, exemptions from payment of Toll, rates, or duties.

And it is intended to vary or extinguish all rights or privileges in any manner connected with the lands and houses proposed to be taken for the purposes of the said undertaking, and to confer other rights and privileges.

And it is further intended to cross, divert, alter, or stop up, all such Turnpike roads, parish roads, and other highways, streams, watercourses, canals, cuts, navigations, drains, railways, and tramroads, within the said Parishes and Towns and other places, as it may be necessary to cross, divert, alter or stop up, for the said purposes of proposed Railways and Branches and Works, and particularly to make a road or way from Norfolk Street to Blackfriars road otherwise the Echo road in the parish of St Margaret within the borough of Kings Lynn, as a communication with the first described proposed Railway, in substitution of the existing road: and also to make another road or way, from the city of Ely to the terminus of the said first railway at or near a certain house belonging to Elizabeth Wilson, on the north side of the River Ouze, situate wholly in the parish of Ely Trinity aforesaid.

And Notice is hereby further given, that duplicate plans and sections of the proposed works, together with books of reference, will be deposited for public inspection, on or before 30th November instant, with the Clerk of the Peace for Norfolk, at his office in Aylesham. And with the Clerk of the Peace for Cambridgeshire, at his office in Cambridge, and also with the Clerk of the Peace for the borough of Kings Lynn at his office in Kings Lynn, with the Clerk of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, at his office in Wisbech. And that on or before the 31st December next, a copy of the plans and sections as relates to each of the several parishes, in or through which the Railway and branches and works are intended to be made with a book of reference, will be deposited for public inspection with the Parish Clerk of each of such several parishes at his place of abode. –

Goodwin, Partridge and Williams Kings Lynn
Young, Vallings, and Young
St Mildred's Court, London
Joint Solicitors.

December 7 1844
To the Freeholders in the Hundred of Ely, and South part of the Hundred of Witchford.
Gentlemen
In consequence of the Resignation of Mr Evans, jun., as Coroner for this Division of the Isle of Ely, I beg most respectively to offer myself as a Candidate for that honourable and important office.

I am particularly induced to do so, having given considerable attention to the subject of Medical Jurisprudence during my preliminary education, and also regard the office as one appertaining infinitely more to the medical than legal profession.

Should you deem me worthy of your confidence and patronage, I shall not only feel gratified, but will endeavour to perform the various function of a coroner efficiently and faithfully.

I am Gentlemen
Your obedient Servant
Henry Pearson. M. D.
Ely December 5 1844

I would add the testimony of an Eminent Professor and Author on Medical, Legal, Medicine in London.

I beg to certify that Dr Henry Pearson was formerly one of my pupils at Guy's Hospital. He displayed great assiduity in his attendance at the Lectures on Chemistry and Medical Jurisprudence: and I had every reason to be satisfied with his general conduct as a pupil.

In the year 1840 the prize for Medical Jurisprudence was awarded to Dr. Henry Pearson, at Guy's Hospital.

This is a subject which involves the special consideration of all questions of a criminal nature, that are likely to come before a Coroner, connected with the death of individuals from wounds, poisoning, drowning, hanging, or other violent causes.

To these questions Dr. Henry Pearson devoted particular attention, and it is for that reason, I consider him fully competent to undertake the duties of the office of Coroner.
(signed) Alfred S. Taylor
Lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence and Chemistry
At Guy's Hospital
December 12th 1842
December 14 1844
To The Freeholders of the Isle of Ely
My Lords and Gentlemen
A Writ having been just issued for the Election of a Coroner for the Isle of Ely, now vacant by the retirement of Hugh Robt. Evans, jun., Esq., I take the earliest possible opportunity of offering myself as a Candidate for the vacant appointment, and of assuring you that (should the honor of your choice fall upon me), it will be my constant endeavour to discharge the duties of this important and responsible office with diligence and fidelity.

My competitor Mr Henry Pearson has thought proper in his address, to urge that a Medical man, is more fitted for the office of Coroner than a Lawyer, but I purposely abstain (although differing

entirely from Mr Pearson) from entering into any discussion upon the subject; being quite content to leave the whole question in the hands of the Freeholders.
I am, my Lords and Gentlemen
With great respect
Your most obedient humble servant
Wm. Marshall
Ely, December 12 1844

N. B. The County Court for the Election will (in pursuance of a Notice from the High Sheriff advertised in this paper) be held on Thursday next, 19th instant at the Shire Hall, at Cambridge, at Ten o'clock in the forenoon.

The severity of the weather in the Fens has entirely stopped the inland Navigation.

December 21 1844

Election of Coroner for the Isle of Ely

This took place last Thursday at the County Courts pursuant to a notice which appeared in our paper last week from the Sheriff. In the room of H. R. Evans, jun., Esq., who had resigned. It had been understood that the candidates for the vacant office were W. Marshall Esq., solicitor of Ely, and Dr. Pearson as physician practising in the same city, who we understand had canvassed the freeholders with very little, (if any) success, and it was not until late on Wednesday evening that he had intimated to the Undersheriff his intention to withdraw from the contest, but even then he did not communicate his withdrawal to Mr Marshall, his opponent; consequently he was prevented from giving notice to his friends, that they might avoid the inconvenience and trouble of a journey to Cambridge on the Ely market day.

Much dissatisfaction was expressed by the freeholders present at this conduct of Dr. Pearson. About ten minutes past Ten the undersheriff J. Lawrence, Esq., arrived and opened the Court. Amongst the company present we observed. Mr Layton, Rev. Mr. Gatenby, Rev. S. Smith, Capt. Clay, Messrs Harlock, Bidwell, Granger, C. Finch, etc.

The undersheriff stated that in consequence of the resignation of Mr Evans, it was his duty to call upon the freeholders present to nominate a fit and proper person to fill the office of Coroner for the Isle of Ely, and he was ready to hear any gentleman who had a candidate to propose.

W. Layton, Esq., rose to propose his friend Mr Marshall for the vacant office of Coroner for the Isle, and in doing so he could not help adverting to the long and valued service and his predecessor, in whose family the office had been held for nearly 40 years, and he did most sincerely on the part of the inhabitants of the Isle of Ely, offer to them his best thanks for the manner in which they had discharged the onerous duties of that most important office (cheers). With regard to the candidate, he had now the honour to propose, he had known him many years, and he could speak from experience that he was a very fit and proper person to discharge the duties of the office he sought for. His opponent Dr. Pearson, had thought proper, in his address to the freeholders, to allude to the desirableness of appointing a member of the medical profession to fill the office, but he must beg leave to differ from him entirely upon that point. In his opinion the Coroner ought to be chosen from the legal profession, as there were constantly cases arising in which professional knowledge was absolutely necessary to the due performance of his duty. In this respect a medical man would be at a loss, whereas it was always in the power of the Coroner (who was a member of the legal profession) to call in the assistance of a medical man whenever he thought it necessary. He however felt great pleasure in congratulating the freeholders and his friend Mr Marshall that the present election would pass off without opposition, although his opponent, Dr Pearson had put them to the trouble and inconvenience of attending on Market day, but he felt convinced that all would think it no trouble (cheers). He had known Mr Marshall many years, he was a rising man, and he had great pleasure in proposing him as a Candidate for the office of Coroner for the Isle of Ely.

The nomination was seconded by James Cropley Esq.,

Mr. C. H. Cooper said he wished to throw out a suggestion to the freeholders as to whether it would not be advisable to obtain an enactment for a special County Court to be held at Ely for the election of coroner in order that the inconvenience they had experienced that day might not again be felt.

Mr Layton agreed with Mr. Cooper, but said whatever sacrifice thy might have made, and whatever inconvenience they might have been put to, they had cheerfully suffered in order to testify their respect to Mr. Marshall (cheers).

The Undersheriff in declaring Mr. Marshall duly elected, alluded to the suggestion thrown out by Mr. Cooper, and said he perfectly coincided with that gentleman. It there had been a contest upon the present occasion it would have been attended with considerable expense in consequence of the present state of law, and he had felt some difficulty in deciding the course he was to pursue.

Prior to the isle Jurisdiction bill, the Bishop of Ely had the right of removing the coroner, and if the election had proceeded he thought according to the construction of the Act the freeholders of the isle alone had the right of voting, but then the coroner was to be elected in the same manner as the county coroner, in full county court.

He quite concurred in Mr Cooper's opinion that some special enactment was necessary, an if it were the wish of the freeholders of the isle to agitate the subject through him, he should feel great pleasure in laying the case before the county members, and he felt assured there would not be the slightest difficulty in getting a clause inserted in the bill.

Mr Marshall then came forward and was warmly received. He said he had one observation to make relative to the point in question, but he could not allow it to take precedence of returning thanks to his mover and seconder, and to the freeholders generally for the honor they had conferred upon him. He had been received throughout his canvass in a most flattering manner, and he had no doubt that if a contest had taken place, large numbers of the freeholders would have come forward in his support.

With regard to his qualification for the important office of coroner, he felt no man was more conscious than himself that there were many others in the county more fitted to fill the office than he was, but he hoped with Gods' assistance to be able to discharge the duties of the office to the satisfaction of the public (cheers).

Highly gratified as he felt at his unanimous and unopposed election he felt sorry amidst his gladness, that his friends had been called away from their avocations, and he felt the more sorry because it had been occasioned through the want of courtesy on the part of his opponent. Had Dr. Pearson intimated his intention of resigning before that morning, the attendance of his friends would not have been necessary, but in this instance his opponent had evidently been more desirous of annoying him than of saving the time of the freeholders. In reference to the subject mentioned by Mr Cooper, he conceived that the last Act of Victoria relative to the County Coroners, which provided that every election for Coroner should be held within his district would remedy the evil.

Mr Cooper was of opinion that the act in question would not meet the point. The Undersheriff was of the same opinion.

The Undersheriff said in reference to the resignation of Dr. Pearson, that he received a letter from that gentleman at a late hour on the previous evening, announcing such resignation. He had communicated its contents to Mr. Marshall by that mornings' post, but it appeared he had not received it before he set out for Cambridge. He of course naturally supposed his opponent Dr. Pearson would have done so, in order that he might have informed his friends and prevented the inconvenience they had been put to.

A vote of thanks to the Undersheriff was carried unanimously, and the meeting separated.

December 28 1844

The Fens

The extensive means of inland navigation throughout the fens is again entirely closed by the inclement weather.

Whittlesey – The Mere

On Tuesday last skating was the order of the day, and the Mere the grand scene of action, the ice being in good condition, not less than 6,000 persons assembled to enjoy this manly and beautiful exercise.

A man of the name of Cross, of Whaplode, an easy and very superb skater was the successful winner of the first prize. All the best runners of the present day, were matched together; the running was first rate and the speed greater than it has been for many previous years. On Thursday another race took place for ten guineas given by Earl Fitzwilliam, the concourse of persons being greater than on any previous day. The name of the winner was not ascertained when our account left.

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January 4 1845

Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions

Wisbech Jan 1st 1845

Rev W. G. Townley, Chairman

Rate of 1d in the pound was laid for the Police Force upon the Ely and Chatteris districts; a half penny one upon the Wisbech, and none upon the Whittlesey district.

Prisoners

Charlotte Mackman of Tydd St. Giles, (respited from last sessions) charged with stealing 8 yards of print from Edward Ground, draper of Wisbech. Verdict guilty – one year's imprisonment, first and last week solitary confinement, the prisoner had been imprisoned on a similar charge for four months.

Sarah Willis, of Ely, pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing a drinking glass from Isaac Haggis of Ely.

Robert Southwell – charged with stealing two swans and a cygnet the property of Thomas Tasting of March. Verdict guilty. A numerously signed testimonial gave him a good character. Two months hard labour.

Harrison Southwell, of Wimblington, convicted of stealing a sack found guilty, also of other offences, sentenced deferred.

Susan Stratton indicted for stealing a piece of ribbon from Mr. W. A. Rogers, of March. Verdict guilty six weeks imprisonment.

At the termination of the duties of the Grand Jury, they presented a petition to the Court, setting forth their opinions as to the inefficiency of the Isle of Ely Police Force, upon which the Chairman was understood to say, in reply, that he doubted if it lay in the province of the Grand Jury to present such a petition, but that with respect to that part of it which alluded to the "petty cases" brought forward, he would say that were the vigilance of the Police Force released in bringing such crimes to punishment, greater would surely ensue; and he felt convinced that the present peaceful state of the Isle of Ely was mainly to be attributed to the activity of the Rural Police.

January 11 1845

Ely a Port

Ely it appears, is about to become a very important place; the facilities for the profitable employment of capital appear to be growing great, few places being so fortunately situated as to have railways branching in every direction. Besides this successful efforts have been made to navigate the river up as far as Ely with vessels of from 70 to 80 tons burden, which will no doubt cause a great deal of the coasting trade to be transferred from Wisbech and Lynn to Ely. The new year has begun well with us; from one to two thousand quarters of corn have already been shipped within the last three days, and we have had an arrival of a vessel laden with coal from Newcastle. Best coal is now selling at 25s and 26s per ton; a few days with a fair wind will bring us fresh arrivals from Newcastle and Yorkshire, and a further reduction in the price is looked for, which will give timely relief to a class of persons who have suffered from the scarcity of that article; already three vessels belong to parties residing in the town.

It is to be hoped that the Navigation Commissioners will faithfully perform the trust reposed in them for the improvement of the navigation and drainage of the fen land, by expending a few hundreds in deepening the river between Ely and Littleport; much inconvenience to merchants and crews would be spared, and the difficulty of getting captains to come up the river would be overcome; besides, the income of about £3,000 per annum would be preserved from injury consequent upon the making a railway from Lynn to Ely. It is fortunate for the town that the railway directors have determined to build a station on the south side of town: this will cause all the shipping to come up to the town, and the business of the public houses and waterside will not be disturbed.

Inquest

On Monday last an inquest was held at Ely, before Wm. Marshall, gentleman, coroner for the Isle of Ely, on the body of George Kempton, aged 45, many years a dissolute character, who, on Sunday morning last, about a quarter before one o'clock, left the Lamb Inn, and was seen by Elizabeth Onion going down Market-street in a state of intoxication. About quarter-past seven he was found by John Blinch on his face, close by the edge of the water side, his legs lying from the quay, and the upper part of his body and his head not being covered with water.

On turning him over they found him quite dead, with a severe bruise over the left eye and on the nose, supposed to have been received by deceased slipping off the quay. Verdict, "found dead". It is said deceased had not been in a bed for more than ten years, and was no doubt going to sleep on board of Mr. Onion's lighters, he having slept there a short time before.

January 18 1845

The Railways

To the Editor of the Cambridge Chronicle

London, January 15 1845

Sir,

I address you on the subject of a paragraph in your last, headed, "Ely and the Railways", in which it occurs to me that you make, certainly, some error in your view of the advantages of the navigation to the City and Isle of Ely, in the event of the proposed many railways obtaining the Acts of Parliament for which they are about to apply. I admit the great boon that cheap coals must be to the city of Ely, and I am only surprised that the enterprise of which you speak, viz:-, the endeavouring to convey them in the belly-boy of Yorkshire, has not been before put in to practice. But my object is to call your attention to the remark implying that "by deepening the river between Littleport and Ely, there is no doubt a very regular trade may be carried on in coals, to the manifest advantage of the city and district of Ely. Now, I have to ask you what use there can be in spending money in deepening as above, unless the outfall of the river be deepened also? And, moreover, do you not

think that the preservation of the navigation, which requires now the damming up of so much water, is the greatest obstruction to the progress of that much more desirable object, when railways can be obtained, the draining of the fenny districts around, whereby not only the health of the inhabitants of the whole island and many miles round would derive considerable preservation, but much useful land be brought to the best state of cultivation? Then, lastly, if you have the advantages of railway conveyance at an equally moderate charge for your goods, are you not at all times of the year in a more certain and better position as regards supplies and facility of moving produce, than by the present navigation. In an engineering point of view, I am sure you will be glad to amend your paragraph, and join me in congratulating the inhabitants of Ely, and Cambridge also, at the prospect of railway communication even in lieu of water; advising that no money be wasted in the before proposed deepening of the upper part instead of outfall of the river, but in promoting (with all power of the locality) the railways which will soon place Ely on a footing with many of the principal towns in the interior of the country.
I am, Sir, your obedient servant
Civil Engineer.

January 25 1845

Ely and the Railways
To the Editor of the Cambridge Chronicle

Sir, I do not admit the correction of "Civil Engineer", who appears fully to allow the advantages to be derived by the inhabitants of the city of Ely by importing coals direct in the Humber Keels, and that a considerable trade may be brought to Ely by importing coal, stone, iron, and slate, and all heavy goods, which are now sent coastwise.

The railroads will open a large field to the enterprising merchants, who will import their goods direct to Ely, as they will have the south-west part of Norfolk, the north-west parts of Suffolk and Cambridgeshire, besides Huntingdon and Bedfordshire, (should that Act be obtained), open to them, under circumstances which will enable them to compete advantageously with merchants of other towns. Nor is the benefit likely to be confined to an import Trade, vast quantities of corn and fruit being exported for the ports of London, Yorkshire and the North; and until it is proved that railroad conveyance is cheaper than water, the Commissioners will not perform their duty in suffering the spoilation of a large property, by allowing the traffic to be abstracted from the river, for the purpose of raising the value of the shares in the Lynn and Ely line.

The improvement of the navigation and drainage does not at all depend upon an improved outfall, for already can vessels of 80 tons burden get up as far as Littleport without the least difficulty, and the obstruction to get the remaining five miles is, not the want of a sufficient depth of water all the way, but the hards, which are rises in the bed of the river, and which impede the current of water downwards; and the progress of the Keels with their full burdens upwards, to the point where the various railroads are to branch from. I must also express my disbelief that we shall ever have the advantage of railway conveyance at an equally moderate charge.

It was the opinion of the late Sir H. Parnell that for general traffic, over a wide extent of country, they do not afford as cheap a means of conveyance as canals: which opinion is confirmed by the fact that, not withstanding the competition of the railroads, the Duke of Bridgewater's canal which extends to the estuary of the Mersey, continues the principal channel for all sorts of heavy goods between Liverpool and Manchester. And I think the following sufficient to justify me in saying there is no probability of heavy goods ever being conveyed at less cost than they can be by Keel. The freight from Lynn of a ton of coals by lighter varies from 3s to 4s; by railway, at one penny per ton per mile, will be 2s, and it is a fact within my knowledge that large quantities of coal have been brought up to Ely, in Keels, at an advance of one shilling only per ton over the Lynn freights from Newcastle, which might be further reduced were the Commissioners to reduce the South Level tolls. I would ask Mr Civil Engineer, in conclusion, if we are deprived of our navigation, what equivalent

are we to receive from the railroad? And if he will define what are the advantages which will place Ely on a footing with many of the principal towns in the interior of the country, the inhabitants may begin to prepare for the glorious first of July, which is to be the commencement of a degree of prosperity hitherto unknown.
I remain, Sir, yours faithfully
An Old Correspondent
Ely January 21 1845

P.S. - the following is an illustration of the great advantage to be derived over the railroad by Keel conveyance.

A friend of mine bought a quantity of wheat of a gentleman, whose farm is 3 or 4 miles below Littleport, a short distance from the river; the corn was taken from his farm and put on board a Keel direct, and conveyed away at the same freight the merchant would have been required to pay either from Lynn or Wisbech. To send corn hereafter by rail, this gentleman will have to cart it to the nearest station, which will be over three or four miles of the worst road imaginable.

February 1 1845

February 8 1845

The Bishop of Ely
On Thursday night week, the Bishop of Ely had a fit of apoplexy, which has deprived him of the use of his left side; considerable fears were at first entertained that his Lordship would not survive the attack, but we are happy to learn that his medical attendants consider him out of danger.

Lynn and Ely Railway
Call of £1.5s per share.
The provisional Directors have the satisfaction of announcing that the Board of Trade have declared their intention to report to Parliament in favour of the undertaking.

By the terms of the Prospectus a sum of £1. 5s. per share (being the remaining moiety of the deposit) is payable before the approaching Session of Parliament: and the Provisional Directors hereby give notice, that a call of £1. 5s. per share has accordingly been made upon the shareholders, which must be paid on or before the 11th of February next, to the account of the Company with any of the undermentioned Bankers.

London	Messrs Barclay and Co. Lombard Street
	Messrs Barnett, Hoare & Co.
Liverpool	Messrs Moss & Co
Manchester	The Manchester and Salford Bank
Leeds	The Yorkshire Banking Co
Hull	Messrs Pease & Liddells
Norwich	Messrs Gurney & Co
Lynn	Messrs Gurney & Co
	Messrs Everard & Co

The Script Certificates must be produced to the Bankers at the time of payment, and, on being transmitted, together with the Banker's receipt for the call, to the Secretary (at the company's Office, 58 Lombard Street, London) will be countersigned and returned.
By Order
M. E. Daniels, Secretary
58 Lombard Street, London

February 15 1845

To Carpenters, Wheelwrights, Boatwrights, Timber Merchants, Railroad Contractors etc
Extensive Fall of Timber
On New Barns Farm, Ely
79 Elm, 45 Ash, and 7 Willow Timber Tress
about 250 good Ash and Elm stands and a large
quantity of Arms and Brushwood.
To Be Sold by Auction (by George Legge)
On the above Farm, on Wednesday 19th February 1845 at Ten o'clock, punctually, on account of the great number of Lots.

The Timber Trees are of large dimensions, clean and sound, and of very superior quality. They may be found by persons wishing to view them, in the line of Closes on the west side of the Common and Clayway Drove, and extending from the Common Pits to Kettleworth Farm.

New Barns Farm is close to the city of Ely, and conveniently situated for conveyance of the Timber by land or water, being but a short distance from the river which is navigable to Lynn, Wisbech, St Ives, Huntingdon, Cambridge, Mildenhall, Bury St. Edmunds, etc.

Six months' credit will be given to purchasers of the Timber to the amount of £5, and upwards on approved joint security. The Arms and Brushwood will be sold for ready money.

The Company are requested to meet against the Railway Works on the Common at Ten o'clock.

Catalogues may be had at the Bull Inn, Cambridge; Crown, St Ives; White Hart, Newmarket; Crown, Soham; George, Chatteris; White Horse, Cottenham; and of the Auctioneers, High St, Ely.

Refreshment will be provided for the Company.

February 22 1845

Stretham
On Tuesday night last, an ewe, heavy with lamb, was slaughtered in a ground belonging to Mr. T. W. Granger, of this place. The skin, with the head and entrails, was buried in the ground. In the morning the shepherds' attention was drawn to the place by his dog scratching and pulling out part of the skin, he communicated the circumstances to his master, but nothing transpired to lead to the apprehension of the offender until Saturday when a portion of the meat was found in a pond, and in the evening a man was taken on suspicion, and kept in the station-house until Monday, then taken to Ely before the magistrates, and remanded until Wednesday to give the police time to collect further evidence.

The poor unfortunate man Cannell, who some time since appeared at one of the Police courts in London, in a great state of destitution, and was assisted home to Ely at his request, has, since his return exhibited proofs of insanity. A short time ago, he perpetrated a serious assault upon a person living at Ely, with a knife, for which offence he was committed to prison for trial; but on Saturday we understand that he managed to set fire to himself and died of suffocation.

An inquest was held on the body, before W. Marshall, Esq., and a verdict returned accordingly. His remains were interred on Monday afternoon. Cannell was once in good circumstances as a baker in Newnham, at Ely, but of late has been very much reduced. He has left a wife and large family.

March 1 1845

Death – on Wednesday last, at the house of her son-in-law, Mr Clements, of Ely, Mrs Mary Harvey, at the patriarchal age of 85.

Ely February 24th
Surely at no distant period a fresh burial ground will be provided for this city. For years has it been required, and if not speedily accomplished, great disgrace will reflect upon the town. Efforts have during the last year or two been made to procure one; meetings have been held, resolutions carried, committees formed, reports framed, and consultations held with the Rev. the Dean and Chapter, who profess a very laudable anxiety that something should be done for so necessary an object. For can anything exhibit a more disgraceful sight, or revolting spectacle, than a churchyard literally bestrewed with dead mens' skulls or black and decayed bones?

We are glad to state, that within these few days another consultation has taken place between the Committee and the Chapter, at which the latter, in a spirit of justice and liberality, agreed to be one-half the expence for the purchase of ground, the erection of a chapel, and the proper laying it out. Now indeed, the inhabitants may expect something soon to be done.

Isle of Ely Agricultural Protection Society
A meeting was held at Ely on Thursday, which was attended by most of the principal landowners and occupiers at Ely and the neighbourhood. W. Layton Esq., was in the chair.

A Report from the Committee, in which the recent changes in the laws affecting the agricultural interest, and the present prospects of the agriculturists, were considered, was adopted, and ordered to be printed and circulated.

A petition to the House of Commons was signed at the meeting, and ordered to be presented; and a grant of £100 was made to the funds of the central society.

The account for the past year was laid before the meeting and showed a balance in favour of the society of £267, one moiety only of the subscriptions having been called for. Many of the members afterwards dined at the Lamb Inn, and in the course of the evening, the chairman, and Messrs Martin, Cropley, Mosely, Sabberton, Archer, Granger and others addressed the Company on the various topics in the Report. Much dissatisfaction was expressed at the recent legislative enactments, and some of the speakers dwelt forcible on the injury likely to arise from the Canada Act by the extended cultivation of land in the Colony, particularly in Upper Canada, where is was stated that many thousand square miles of good corn growing land are still uncultivated. It was insisted that the effect of the Act will be to extend rapidly the emigration to upper Canada, and to occasion an annual increase in the exportation of corn to this country.

It was also urged that the Bank Reduction Act of last Session will have a very prejudicial bearing on agricultural interests.

Great harmony and unanimity prevailed at the meeting and at the dinner.

The report began with some allusions to the Protection Societies in general.

This goes on at great length. Full report on Page 3 col.1.

March 8 1845

Middle Fen Ely
Near the Plough public house, and about a mile from Ely Bridge.
8 Horses, 8 Prime Yorkshire Cows, 7 Buds and Calves
2 Yelts, Farming Implements, Dairy Utensils, Household Furniture
To be Sold by Auction (by George Legge)
On the Premises of Mr John Thorpe on Tuesday 18th March, 1845 at 11 o'clock

The whole will be sold without reserve, and six months credit given for bargain of £5 and upwards.

Catalogues may be had of the Auctioneer, High St., Ely.

Grunty Fen Farm, near Stretham
Valuable Live Stock, 2 Tumbrils, Market Cart, etc
To Be Sold by Auction (by George Legge)
On the premises at Grunty Fen aforesaid, on
Wednesday 19th March 1845 at Twelve o'clock, the property of
Mr Joseph Hazel, who has sold his Farm
The above stock is in good condition, and will be sold without reserve.

Credit will be given, on approved joint security, for all bargains of £2 and upwards, until the 1st October next.

Ely Union Contracts
The Board of Guardians of the above Union, give Notice that they will, at their Weekly meeting at the Union Workhouse in Ely, on Thursday 13th instant, receive Tenders for supplying the said Workhouse and Out-door Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief Districts with the following articles, from the 20th instant to 19th June next:-
Good Thirds Flour, at per stone
Bread, made of the same quality flour (24 hours old) at per 4lb loaf.
Good Beef (without Bone), Mutton, Suet, at per stone.
To be delivered at said workhouse at such times and in such quantities as the Board shall order, and to be supplied to the paupers in every parish in such quantities as shall be expressed in tickets issued by the Relieving Officer.

They are also desirous of Contracting from 21st instant to 18th September next, for such quantities of the under mentioned articles as may from time to time be required at the said workhouse, for the use of the said Union viz:-
Provisions
Cheese, Rice, and Potatoes, at per cwt
Hard Yellow soap, Salt, Moist sugar, Oatmeal, and Soda, at per stone
Butter, Tea, and Dip Candles, at per lb.
Peas, at per coomb; Ale and Milk, at per gallon
Coals, at per ton: Turf at per 1,000
Port wine, and Best British Brandy, at per pint.
Clothing Etc
Beaverten for boys' suits
Strong grey Army cloth for old Mens' suits, and Twilled Calico for lining same, at per yard.
Mens' and Boys' strong Dowlas shirts at per dozen
Bed Ticking and Sheeting, at per yard.
Mens', Womens', Boys' and Girls' strong knitted Worsted Stockings at per pair
Worsted at per lb.; Cocoanut Fibre, at per cwt.
Flannel and Shroud Flannel, Hemp, Calico and Chambry, at per yard.

Sealed Tenders to be sent to me (free of expense) and samples must be produced at the meeting.

N. B. Tenders for bread and Flour must be delivered to my office the night before the meeting, otherwise they will not be received, other tenders may be delivered on or before 9 am of 13th instant. The Relieving Officers have strict orders to pay every week for goods ordered by them.

Contractors to give such security for the performance of their contract, but the Guardians do not pledge themselves to accept the lowest or any of the Tenders.

N. B. All persons having and demand upon the Union, to send their bills to me before 26th instant with full particulars of work done or articles supplied.
By Order of the Board
Wm. Marshall, Clerk.

The Railways, Turnpike Trusts Etc
The Ely Trust
A Meeting was held on Monday last, at 12 o'clock, at the Lion, Petty Cury, of the Trustees of the Ely Turnpike-road.

The following gentlemen were present:- Mr. Ald. Fisher, Christopher Pemberton, Esq., and Messrs Wiles, C. Finch, Mason, Beales etc. Mr Pemberton was in the chair.

The Clerk (Mr Evans) stated that, in consequence of a requisition made on the 26th February, the meeting for this day, 3rd March was called. At the previous meeting, on the 4th ultimo, which was numerously attended (The Dean of Ely in the chair) the Trustees came to a resolution requiring him, ((the Clerk) to communicate to the promoters of any railway line within the district, their decided dissent from any railway crossing the Turnpike Trust road between Ely and Cambridge on a level. He had consequently sent letters to all such promoters of Railway Bills, but only Messrs Crowed & Co., on behalf of the Eastern Counties Railway, had acknowledged the receipt of his letter. A letter from Mr Blick was next read, pledging himself to support the meeting in any measure they might take, to prevent a railway line being carried across the Ely Turnpike Trust road on a level.

The Chairman opened the proceedings by stating that three railways of which section had been duly deposited, namely the Cambridge and Lincoln, the Cambridge and Huntingdon, and the Ely and Bedford, would cross the Ely Trust road on the prohibited level. He recommended considering them in succession. The Cambridge and Lincoln crossed the road on which he would term a "common sense" or actual level.

Mr Alderman Fisher, said that with due deference, he must correct the chairman, on that head: the level transversed an embankment of four feet in height.

The Chairman: Well then, it crossed not on a "common sense" but on an engineering level. A bridge 19 feet high (the height allowed) would make 23 feet. From the point of the commencement of the rise to its termination (a rise of 1 foot in 30 being prescribed) there must be an interval of 1,140 feet.

The question to consider was – would they be satisfied with such an engineering level, or permit a bridge of such a description to cross the Trust road?

Several of the Trustees having expressed their decided dissent.

Mr. Wiles said they had a plain course to persue.

The resolution of dissent at the Ely Meeting of February 4th and the steps taken by the Clerk, had in fact decided that course for them, He should propose a petition to parliament, and that in all three cases, as there were the same objections to each.

In reply to a question,

The Chairman stated that the ultimate expense of a petition (about £5 in the first instance) depended upon circumstances – whether they supported its prayer by counsel, parliamentary agents, and evidence, that was at their option when the Bill went into committee.

The Clerk having stated, in reply to a second question, that if they now adjourned, their bylaws required an interval of 14 days.

The Chairman said he had reason to believe that the Cambridge and Lincoln Railway (having only a technical lithographical error to surmount) would probably be in the House of Commons that night, that they would have only 10 days clear from that time to petition, and consequently 14 days would be too late.

Mr Wiles said, that being the case, without further comment, he should embody their unanimous dissent to the lines in a resolution. He proposed that a petition be forthwith presented to parliament against the Cambridge and Lincoln Railway.

The resolution seconded by Mr Beales, was carried unanimously.

Mr Wiles next proposed that a committee, including the Chairman and the Dean of Ely, consisting of Messrs Beales, Witt, Wiles, G. Hill, and Archer, (three to form a quorum) should forthwith draw up the said petition.

This resolution seconded by Mr Beales, was carried unanimously

Two other resolutions, one to petition against the Cambridge and Huntingdon railroad, and the other against the Ely and Bedford, being similarly moved and seconded, were also unanimously carried; as were also resolutions for the appointment in both cases of similar committees to draw up the petition to Parliament.

The meeting then adjourned.

March 15 1845

Parish of Holy Trinity in Ely
Notice is hereby given, that at a monthly Meeting of the Gas Inspectors (acting for such of the streets and places of the above parish as have adopted the provisions of the 3rd and 4th William IV, c 90, for the lighting and Watching of Parishes in England and Wales) which will be holden at the Shire Hall in Ely, on Monday 7th April next, at 12 a.m., it is their intention to enter into a contract for further lighting such streets and places with coal gas for the term of three years, commencing on 15th August next.

And notice is hereby further given, that any person or persons willing to undertake the same may make proposals for that purpose at the aforesaid meeting.
By Order of the Inspectors
Wm. Marshall, Clerk

Elections of Guardians of the Poor
Ely Union
I, William Marshall, Clerk to the Guardians of the Poor of the Ely Union, with reference to the ensuing Elections of Guardians of the Poor for the several parishes in the said Union, do hereby give notice.

1 That the Number of Guardians of the Poor to be elected for the parishes in the said Union, is as follows:-

Parishes	No. of Guardians	Parishes	No. of Guardians
Ely Trinity	6	Stretham	1
Ely St. Mary	3	Wilburton	1
Littleport	3	Mepal	1
Downham	2	Witcham	1
Witchford	1	Coveney	1
Haddenham	2	Wentworth	1
Sutton	2	Thetford	1

2. That any person not otherwise disqualified by law, who shall be rated to the poor-rate in any parish in the Union is respect of hereditaments of the annual rental of Twenty Pounds, is qualified to be nominated for the office of Guardian at the said Election, by any person then qualified to vote.

3 That any rate-payer who shall have been rated to the poor-rate in any parish in the Union for the whole year immediately preceeding his voting, and shall have paid the rates made and assessed on him for the relief of the poor for one whole year, as well as those due from him at the time of voting, except those which have been made or become due within six months immediately preceed such voting, and that every owner of rateable property situated within the said parish, who shall have given to the Overseers thereof before 1st of February, the statement in writing required by law, will be entitled, according to the provisions of the 7 and 8 Vic. C. 101,5, 14, to have the number and proportion of Voters at the Election of Guardians for the said parish, according to the following scale.

If the property in respect of which he is entitled to vote be rated upon a rateable value of less than £50, he shall have one vote.
If such rateable value amount to £50 and less than £100 he shall have two votes.
If it amount to £100 and be less than £150 he shall have three votes
If it amount to £150 and be less than £200 he shall have four votes
If it amount to £200 and be less than £250 he shall have five votes
If it amount to £250 he shall have six votes.

Any owner of such property who has made such a statement may, by writing under his hand appoint any person to vote as his proxy, but such proxy must, fourteen days previously to the day on which he shall claim to vote give to one of the Overseers of such parish, a statement in writing of his own name and address, and also the name and address of the owner appointing him such proxy, and a description of the property as proxy to the owner whereof he claims to vote and also the original or an attested copy of the writing appointing him such proxy.

4 Nominations of Guardians must be made according to the form prescribed by the Poor-law Commissioners, such nominations must be sent, on or before 26th March, to me, at my office in Ely, or to Mr Thos. Charter, Relieving Officer Haddenham, who alone are authorised to receive the same Nominations sent after that day, or sent to any other person, will be invalid.

5 That I shall, if more than the above mentioned number of Guardians be nominated for any parish, cause voting papers to be delivered on 5th April, at the address in such parish of each rate payer, owner and proxy qualified to vote, and that on 7th April, such voting papers will be collected.

6 That on the ninth April, I shall attend at the Board-room of this Union at 1 p.m., and that I shall on that day, and if necessary, the following days, proceed to ascertain the number of votes given to each Candidate.

7 That any person put in nomination for the office of Guardian, may at any time during the proceedings in the Election, tender to me, in writing, his refusal to serve the office and the election as regards that person will be no further proceeded with.
12th day of March
William Marshall, Clerk

March 22 1845

Death – on Saturday last, in the 40th year of his age, deeply lamented by his family and friends by whom he was much esteemed for his kind and obliging manners and benevolent disposition, Mr Joseph Roads, grocer, etc., High Street, Ely.

On Thursday morning last, at the Palace, Ely, the Right Rev. Joseph Allen, D.D., Bishop of Ely, in the 76th year of his age. For some time past his Lordship's health had been declining, but within the last three or four weeks the decay of his strength, and the diminution of his vital energy became so evident to his medical attendants, that no hope of his Lordship's restoration to health could rationally be entertained. His immediate connexions were therefore fully prepared for the melancholy event which we now record.

Dr. Allen was formerly Fellow of Trinity College, he graduated B. A. in 1792, when he was 7th Wrangler. Soon after his election to a Fellowship he was appointed Tutor to Lord Althorp; and upon the completion of the noble lord's education, the late Earl Spencer presented his Tutor to the vicarage of Battersea, Surrey. About the same period he received a prebendal stall in Westminster Abbey, and soon afterwards the living of St. Bride, in the city of London. In 1834 he succeeded Bishop Gray in the See of Bristol, and was translated to Ely in 1836 upon the death of Bishop Sparke.

March 29 1845

The Bishop of Ely's Funeral
This solemn and imposing event is fixed to take place on Tuesday next, at one o'clock. The vault is in the choir, immediately in front of the step to the altar.

Ely New Burial Grounds
A large and respectable meeting was held in the Vestry of the Holy Trinity, in Ely, on Monday last, to receive the reply of the Dean and Chapter to a memorial of the parishioners, praying them to provide a piece of ground for a new churchyard within the precincts of the college. The answer stated that the chapter could not select a piece within the precincts but if the parish could select a piece suitable for the purpose, the Chapter would defray half the expenses.

A discussion ensued for about two hours between the curate and the parishioners, which clearly demonstrated the difficulty of settling the matter. The contemplated expense, without a chapel, is £1,000. It was finally resolved, upon the motion of Mr Archer, that another conference should be held with the Dean, that some arrangement might be entered into as to raising the other moiety, and the mode and terms of internment.

April 5 1845

Funeral of the Right Rev. Joseph Allen D.D., Bishop of Ely.
The solemn ceremony of interring the mortal remains of the late Bishop Allen, of Ely, took place on Tuesday last, in the Cathedral of his Diocese, in the presence of a very large concourse of spectators. The body of the deceased prelate lay in state in the private chapel of the palace, which was hung with lack and lighted with tapers.

Rich purple velvet covered the coffin, and gilt mitres along the sides and at the ends revealed the rank of its departed inmate. On a gilt plate upon the lid was engraven the following inscription.

Josephus Allen
S. T. P
Praesvi Eliens
O6. XIII Kal Mort
An Salut MDCCCXLV
Ætat. Svoe. LXXV

Above this was another gilt plate, with the arms of his Lordship, and of the See engraven thereon, and below it a mitre.

In the Cathedral extensive preparations for the imposing ceremony were made. The vault was prepared in the choir immediately in front of the altar, and along the whole length of the nave were arranged rows of seats on either side for the accommodation of those who might desire to witness the mournful procession. The triforium, and stone galleries, and every part from whence a view could be obtained, were appropriated to a similar purpose. Probably more the 2, 000 persons assembled in the Cathedral, and their conduct was most orderly and correct.

One o'clock was the hour appointed for the ceremony, and about that time the first intimation of the approaching event was given to those collected within the scared building, by the entrance through the south door of the Dean and members of the Chapter, followed by the choristers and lay clerks, who walked slowly down the nave to the west door, there to await the arrival of the body from the Palace. At a quarter after one o'clock the procession left the palace and reached the west door of the Cathedral in a very few minutes, and there the procession formed in the following order:-

Two Mutes
Page Plume Page
Four Beadsmen
Bricklayer and Carpenter
Gentlemen of the County
Clergy of the Diocese (preceeded by Mr Twiss, the Registrary)
Two Vergers
Eight Choristers, two and two
Eight Lay Clerks, two and two
Five Minor Canons
Six Canons
The Dean

Four Pall-bearers
the Rev. Dr. Lamb, Master of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge; The Rev E Baines, the late Bishop's Chaplain; the Rev. J. Romily, Registrar of the University of Cambridge; and the Rev. C. Perry, of Cambridge.

The Coffin

Four Pall-bearers
The Rev. Dr. Graham, Master of Christ's College, Cambridge; the Rev. W. B. James, Rector of Fen Ditton; the Rev. J. H. Fisher, Vicar of Kirkby Lonsdale, Westmoreland; the Rev. W. Carns of Cambridge.

Mourners
(The three sons, daughter, and four nephews of the deceased)
Friends
Secretary (Mr. Burder)
Medical Gentlemen

Professors Havilland and Fisher, of Cambridge, and Mr Stevens of Ely

As the body reached the entrance of the Cathedral the solemn notes of the organ struck upon the ear, and the opening sentences of our sublime burial service were sung to the music of Rayllton.
And then the procession
"The pageant of sad joy
So dear to Faith and Hope"
wound slowly along the nave to the "Dead March" in Saul. Upon reaching the choir the body was rested in the centre, and the sorrowing relatives and friends of the deceased having taken their places, the Psalms were sung to Purcell's Chant, and the lesson was impressively read by the very Rev. the Dean. Again the body was moved, the Dean and Chapter stood within the altar-rails at the foot of the grave, the pall bearers on either side, and the afflicted family at the head of the Bishop's narrow home; and what was once a Prelate of the Church was lowered into its final resting place, amid the softened sorrow of those who had loved him well whilst on this earth. "Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, duct to dust" – the solemn service of the Church read by the Dean - the mournful music of the organ – and all was over.
"One look, and we have seen the last of thee,
Till we too sleep, and our long sleep be o'er"

and then the mourners quitted their father's grave.

A general gloom overspread the city throughout the day; the shops were closed, the inhabitants generally were clad in decent mourning, and there was every outward mark of respect to the memory of one who held so high a rank in the Church, and who had so endeared himself to those amongst whom he had lived by the kindness and affability of his demeanour. The attendance of the clergy and gentlemen of the County was not so numerous as it would have been but for a misunderstanding to the effect that the funeral would be as private as possible. The funeral was arranged under the superintendence of Mr. Caldecote, of London.

April 12 1845

Death – On the 4th instant, at Ely, Randolph Michael, infant son of the Rev. George Hall.

The railway works at Ely are proceeding with great rapidity. Near the Bridge, above one hundred labourers and artizans are actually employed. The station will be situated on the south side of the bridge, and it is to be built of wood; but, upon some future occasion, it will be removed for an elegant structure of stone. The report that the company have given the contractors an extra month to finish the line from Brandon to London is false. It will be fully completed by July 1st.

Drainage of the Fens
At a recent meeting of the Institution of Civil Engineers, a paper by Sir John Rennie, the President, on the Drainage of the Ancholme level, in Lincolnshire, was read, and an interesting description ensued, in which the correctness of the principle was fully admitted, and it was shewn that, by selecting proper localities for the outfalls, and placing the cills of the sluices below the low water-mark of spring tides, there were no fen districts in the kingdom which could not be drained without mechanical aid.

April 19 1845

April 26 1845

Ely

To Millers, Bakers and others
To Be Sold by Auction (by Matthew Scott)
At the White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Friday 9th May next, between six and eight in the evening, the following very Valuable property, in pursuance of a direction contained in the will of the late Mr Joseph Roads, of Ely, baker and grocer, deceased.

Lot 1. All that Close of first-rate pasture land containing Three Acres, situate in Finiwell in Ely. Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Barton, Quit Rent, 8d.
Lot 2. All that Capital Messuage, Bakehouse, well-accustomed Shop and Premises, situate in High Row, in Ely, consisting of several good rooms, shop, oven, bake-offices, granary and other convenient outbuildings, and containing a frontage next the street of 30 feet or thereabouts. Copyhold of Ely Barton. Quit Rent 2s.6d.

N.B. A lucrative trade combing those of baker and grocer has been carried on upon these premises for nearly half a century, and will be continued by the Executors of Mr Roads until the completion of the purchase. The premises are now entitled to a right of way with horses, carts, and carriages from Gave Street.

Immediate possession may be had of both Lots, and two thirds of the purchase-money may remain on security of the premises.

For further particulars apply to Mr. M. Scott, White Hart, Ely, and Mr. D. Fortington Ely, the Executors, or to Mr Marshall, of Ely their Solicitor.

May 3 1845

Inquest – On Monday last, Mr Marshall, coroner for the Isle of Ely, held an inquest at the Three Tuns public-house, at Aldreth, in the parish of Haddenham, on the body of Holland Shaw, alias Holland Gray, a child about two and a half years old, who was burnt to death. It appeared from the evidence of the father and mother (who are gypsies) that they left the tent with their children on Saturday for the purpose of selling goods, and during their absence the childs clothes caught fire, and it was so dreadfully burnt, that it lingered until Sunday, when death put an end to its dreadful sufferings. Verdict – Accidental death.

A public subscription has been set on foot for the improvement of the walks in the vicinity of Ely, by the removal of the gates in the fields, and to place turn-stiles in their stead, etc. The list is headed by the Dean and Chapter.

Some very extensive alterations are in progress at Ely Cathedral. An arcade of fifteen or sixteen arches, from a design by Professor Willis of Cambridge, is about to be introduced at the Communion Table; and the four windows under the lanthorn are to be filled with painted glass executed by Wales; one of them at the cost of Mr Edward Sparke, son of Bishop Sparke; and the other three at that of the Dean and Chapter.

May 10 1845

New Barns House, Ely
To be Let, either with or without a good Kitchen Garden, and a small piece of land adjoining, New Barns House, a newly built and most desirable residence, with excellent offices pleasantly situated on a Fine estate, within a mile of the city of Ely. A respectable Tenant more an object than the amount of rent. Further particulars apply to Mr. C. M. Bidwell, Surveyor.

Rock Band Concerts
Two concerts were given at the Bell Inn, Ely, on Friday, 2nd instant, by the Messrs. Richardson, upon these most extraordinary instruments, to very numerous and respectable audiences, who were quite taken by surprise at the fine music produced from mere pieces of rock. Rossini's overtures to "Barbieri de Siviglia" and "The Tancredi," and several other pieces were performed in the most perfect manner, and with as fine effect as could be given with an orchestra of different instruments.

The performers executed their task with great credit to themselves: their piano movements produced the most soul subduing effects not very easily described. Long and loud plaudits rewarded them for their exertions, and several encores were called for, and kindly answered. It was altogether a great treat.

May 17 1845

Will of the Bishop of Ely
Probate of the will of the Right Reverend Joseph Allen, D.D. late Lord Bishop of Ely who died at Ely, in the County of Cambridge on 20th March last, aged 76, was granted on the 9th instant, to his daughter Ellen Allen, and to his two sons, George J. Allen, and William Joseph Allen, Esqrs., the executors and trustees, a power being reserved to his widow, Margaret Allen, to prove hereafter. Personal estate sworn under £40,000. Bequeaths to his wife a life interest both in the funded property and landed estates, and directs that she may receive the sum of £500 for immediate use; and leaves to her for her absolute use such furniture, etc., as she may select, the remainder he bequeaths to his children; but such articles as they may not require are to be offered to his successor, to the bishopric, at a fair valuation. His books on divinity to be given with the consent of his wife to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral church of Ely for the library. The property after the decease of his wife he bequeaths in the following manner:-

His estates at Manchester he gives, devises, and bequeaths to his son, George J. Allen, and to his heirs for ever. Those in or near the county of Chester he bequeaths to his son Wm. Joseph Allen, and his heirs.

The East India stock he leaves to his daughter, and the residue of his property to be divided among his children.

The will is dated September 23, 1844, signed "J. Ely"
Witnessed by his butler and gardener.

Death of the Centenarian Couple.
It is but three or four week since we gave an account of the extraordinary age of Mr and Mrs Plaisance, then living in Redmoor Fen, in the Isle of Ely, the husband of the age of 107, the wife 105.

On Wednesday strange to relate, after a short affliction, both expired on the same day. They have left one daughter, who lived with them, of the age of 84.
Bury Post.

May 24 1845

St Mary's Street, Ely
Household Furniture and Miscellaneous Effects
To Be Sold by Auction, by C. M. Bidwell
At Eleven o'clock on Thursday 29th May, 1845, at the House and Premises lately purchased by the Hon. the Corporation of Bedford Level, without reserve.

The goods may be viewed the day previous to the sale, catalogues had at the White Hart Inn, Newmarket, Crown Soham, George Chatteris, and of C. M. Bidwell, land agent and surveyor, Ely, and Cambridge.

May 31 1845

The newly appointed Bishop of Ely, Dr. Turton, has removed from his late residence, which his Lordship occupied as Dean of Westminster, to the spacious mansion of his predecessor in Dover Street.

June 7 1845

Ely Union
Bread and Flour Contracts
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By Order of the Board
Wm. Marshall, Clerk.

Ely
Important sale of 3 Brood Mares, 4 Foals
Nag Colts and Fillies
To Be Sold by Auction by John Cross
On Thursday 19th June 1845, in Bull Lane Close, near Waterside, Ely, at One o'clock in the afternoon, the property of Messrs. William and John Harlock who are overstocked.

Ely and Bedford Railway
The bill for the construction of the portion of the line lying between Ely and Huntingdon passed the House of Commons on Monday evening.

Lynn and Ely Railway
This bill also passed the House of Commons on Thursday evening.

June 14 1845

The Railway

About half a mile of the Railway towards Cambridge, from Ely, requires to be done, and one and a half towards Brandon, before it is completed.

A temporary station has within the last few days been erected near the Bridge, on land late belonging to Mr Wm. Haylock: on the opposite of the road a dock is being made, where vessels will be unladen. The situation of the station, we believe gives general satisfaction. We understand arrangements have been made for running two coaches daily from Peterborough to Ely, two daily from Wisbech to Ely, two daily from Lynn to Ely, and one from Newmarket to Ely, which will undoubtedly cause a great influx of visitors.

Our Cathedral will be a greater attraction than ever: the south west transept has been entirely restored; the partition between it and the nave has this week been taken down, and the effect produced is warmly admired. The choir is also being restored: it is expected one of the new stained-glass windows, put in at the expense of the Rev. B. E Sparke; will be finished.

Caution to Watermen

On Thursday last Wm. Speechly, of St Ives, Hunts, waterman, was convicted before the Rev. G. Millers, at Ely, in the penalty of £3.8s.9d, including costs, for giving an untrue account of the goods with which his gang was laden, whereby, he defrauded Mr. Jas Pegram, of the Brand Toll, Ely, of 6s.8d.

June 21 1845

Lynn and Ely Railway

The case of the Lynn and Ely Railway came before a select committee of the House of Lords on Wednesday, and the points of dispute were referred to the Board of Trade.

June 28 1845

July 5 1845

Classical and Commercial School

Fore Hill, Ely

Mr W. Trigg gratefully acknowledges the very liberal patronage with which he has been favoured and begs to assure his friends that every effort will be used to merit their confidence, and respectfully announces that the duties of his school will be resumed on Monday 21st July.

July 12 1845

Death – On Wednesday last, the 9th instant at Ely St. Mary's, Mr Samuel Kempton, in the 73rd year of his age, brother of Mr John Kempton, accountant of Northampton Street, Cambridge.

On the 2nd instant, after a long illness, Mr John Bacon, aged 58. He was a man well known throughout the Isle of Ely, as a most active and intelligent officer, having served as constable and chief constable for 31 years, as inspector of weights and measures for 28 years, and 23 years as clerk of works at the Cathedral. As a public-servant his merit has frequently been acknowledged by those in authority, and in private life he has esteemed by a large circle of friends.

Opening of the Railway

The most slippery people in the world to deal with are railway directors: you never know when you have caught them. Last week we thought we had them fast, after all our doubts and uncertainties about the opening of the line; and on the strength of a very handsome invitation card and a polite note, we unhesitatingly announced the opening and rejoicing for Tuesday last. But alas for the uncertainty of all railway things! Scarcely was the ink dry when another postponement was signified, the cause of which was an unsound state of an embankment at Prickwillow near Ely. Messrs. Grissell and Peto, the contractors, thus explain it:

"Sir – You will much oblige us by inserting an explanation of the cause of the delay which must take place in the opening of the Eastern Counties extension to Brandon for a few days. We have discovered in the ballasting of the last quarter of a mile an unsound base in the embankment. We could remove this and take the traffic over a temporary timbering, but, we feel that the ballast to replace it having to be led twelve miles each way to the spot would occasion risk of collision, and we prefer causing disappointment to the public and the company for a short time rather than incur the risk referred to.
"We are Sir, your obedient servants
Grissell and Peto.
Eastern Counties Extension Works, Ely, July 4.
The unsoundness will, it is said, be speedily repaired, and then we shall have the opening, -
(Another slip! They say now the line cannot be opened this month!)

Railway
On Tuesday last the liberal contractors for the construction of the railway gave a dinner to 1070 of their labourers, employed between Cambridge and Brandon, in a marquee erected near the station at Ely. The company assembled abut five o'clock; the dinner, which was supplied by Messrs Scott and Balls, consisted of substantial old English fare, beef and plum puddings. A band of music was in attendance, and many of the leading gentlemen officiated as presidents. The Rev. W. K. Clay, having said grace, operations commenced, about 4000 persons looking on, many have come a greet distance, and being much disappointed, at not seeing the train arrive. It is now doubtful whether the line can be opened during the month, another slip having taken place on Wednesday near Prickwillow. It is, but just to say, that the men conducted themselves in a very orderly manner, as they have done during their residence here; and it is a circumstance worthy of remark that at the late sessions for the Isle of Ely, not one case was from this division, thus proving that employment alone is the best preventative of crime, for never before were the labouring population so well off as they have been during the past year, wages being high and a cheap and good loaf at the command of every one.

Appointment of High Constable
At a session holden on Thursday, Mr John Bacon was appointed high Constable for the City and Hundred of Ely, in the room of his late father, deceased.

Inquest
On the 1st ultimo, an inquest was held before Mr. Marshall, on a body unknown, which was found in the river a little above Ely bridge, by Royal Lee.

The deceased a man about five feet six inches high, bald head, light whiskers, clothed in a dark-sleeved waistcoat, cord breeches and gaiters, was seen about four o'clock on the previous Sunday to be going in the direction in which the body as found, in a state of intoxication. Verdict – "found drowned", Lee being intoxicated at the inquest, was not allowed for his time and trouble.

Northern and Eastern Railway

In Connection with Ely, Brandon and Norwich.
W. Swann and Sons beg to return their best thanks to the Gentry and Trade in general for their liberal support over so many years received as Cambridge, Norfolk and Isle of Ely Carriers, to and from the Bull Inn, Bishopsgate St., London, and respectfully inform them that upon the opening of the Railway for Goods Traffic, they will be prepared to forward all goods entrusted to their care to and from every station on the whole line of railway.

W. S. and Sons, particularly request all goods may be delivered as heretofore at their office, Bull Inn, Bishopsgate St., London.

Particulars of Charge and Time will be given in future papers.
Hobson St. Cambridge. July 3. 1845

July 19 1845

July 26 1845

August 2 1845

Lynn and Ely Railway
The first general meeting of the shareholders of the Lynn and Ely Railway was held at the London Tavern, Bishopsgate Street, on Tuesday at one o'clock. Sir W. H. Brown Foulkes, Bart in the chair.

It was convened in pursuance of the act of parliament within one month after the act for constructing the railway had received the royal assent. The Chairman expressed regret that from the little time allowed them they could not present a longer report, or that it did not embrace those particulars which the directors were desirous it should have done. The report, however, was read by the secretary, and was received with unanimous satisfaction.

But few directors had the management of the bill, in order to keep down the expenses of obtaining the necessary powers from parliament. The report was unanimously adopted, the directors were thanked, auditors were elected for the ensuing half-year, the proprietors were assured that they would receive the certificates of their shares as soon as it was possible to obtain the seal, and it was announced that the construction of the line would be proceeded with immediately, and it would probably be completed within one year from the present time.

Railway Signal Lamp
We have been favoured with a drawing and description of a signal lamp, the invention of Mr Giscard of Ely. Its principle consists in the exhibition of differently coloured segments of circular discs made of glass. It is easy of construction, equally easy of application, and quite effectual for the purposes intended. The managers of railways will neglect their business if they do not test the merits of this ingenious and beneficial invention as soon as possible. We only regret that our inability to furnish a diagram, prevents us from illustrating its advantages at length.
Iron Times

Post Office Contracts
The Postmaster General will be ready to receive tenders for the Conveyance of the mail bags between Ely and Lynn with a Mail cart, (constructed so as to carry no person but the driver, with one horse.

The Cart will have to leave Ely about midnight, and Lynn at 9 o'clock p.m, the rate of travelling to be not less than Eight miles an hour, including stoppages. The Contractor will be required to

provide proper Mail Carts (subject to the approval of the Surveyor of the District) and able Horses, and he will have to bear all expenses (taxes included) incident to the performance of the service.

Tenders to be addressed on or before Tuesday next 5th August, to George Neal, Esq., Surveyor, General Post Office, Ipswich.
July 31 1845

Valuable Garden Land and Buildings.
Ely Freehold
To Be Sold by Auction (by G. Legge)
At the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 289th August 1845 at seven in the evening.

One Acre of Garden Land, situate in St Mary's parish in Ely, at a short distance from the main street.

Also a brick and tiled 5-stalled Stable, Granary, Two Chaise houses, and other buildings, all in good repair and adjoining the land, fenced by brick walls and garden stocked with Peach, Nectarine, and fruit trees.

Will be sold in one lot or such portions as Vender thinks fit.

August 2 1845

Dreadful Accident at Stretham.
A sad accident happened in the village of Haddenham on Thursday week.

Two boys were keeping birds in adjoining fields, and although forbidden to go together they continually did so as opportunity offered. In the course of their play and idleness, one of them began to pull some peas, whereupon the other took up his gun and said he would shoot him; and forthwith he did so, whether accidently or intentionally we know not, but we would fain believe that it was purely accidental.

The contents of the gun went through the arm above the elbow, causing a dreadful wound, and setting the unfortunate lad's clothes on fire. The unhappy cause of the accident threw down the gun and ran away; most likely in a state of excessive fright: he was taken by the police, and examined by the Magistrates on Friday and Monday, when he was discharged on the ground that the occurrence was accidental. His own tale is that the lad shot himself.
The wounded boy, we hear, is in a dangerous state.

Haddenham
Last Wednesday an inquest was held at the Black Horse public-house, Hilrow (before W. Marshall, Esq., coroner) on view of the body of Robert Amory, aged 19, eldest son of Mr Amory, farmer of that place, who met his death under the following painful circumstances; - the unfortunate young man, who was ploughing in a field the day previous, had carelessly placed the butt end of his gun between the mouldboard and head of the plough, the muzzle pointing towards him. On turning the plough at the end of the land, the hammer of the lock was lifted up and went down on the cap and the gun exploded, and lodged the contents in the left side of the deceased below the heart. He died within an hour. Verdict accidental death.

August 16 1845

Park Farm, Downham, near Ely
Ten powerful working Horses and Mares, 37 fat sheep

And Ten fat Highland Scot Beasts.
To be Sold by Auction, by George Legge & C. M. Bidwell
On Tuesday August 19th 1845
The property of W. S. Simpson, Esq., in consequence of part of the Farm being sold.
At Seven o'clock the same evening will be sold by auction, at the Club Inn, in Downham
Lot 1. 10A 1R 36P of valuable Land in Byal Fen, Downham, abutting on Byal Fen Drove, west; land of Mr Upsher east; Mr Wm. Martin, north' the Commissioners Drain and land of Mr Murry (late Wilks) south, numbered on the map of the Littleport and Downham District. 420. Copyhold of the Manor of Downham.
Lot 2. The Grass Keeping upon the above mentioned Land, from the day of the sale to the 11th October next.
Lot 3. The Grass Keeping upon sixteen acres of Land in the Hundred Feet Washes, abutting on the Old Bedford river, north; land of Mr Richard Gill, south and east; and Mr Upsher, west, from the day of the sale until 25th December next.

This wash has not been stocked since 9th July.

The Sheep and Beasts will be sold for Ready money and three months credit given for the Horses and Grass Keeping, on approved joint security.

Valuable Investment.
Ely Rectory Glebe Farm.
This highly valuable Estate, consisting of Eighty Acres of First-rate land, will be offered for Sale by Auction, in the month of October next, of which particulars will be given.
Evans and Son.

Improvements in Ely Cathedral
Amongst the many improvements which are in progress in the Cathedral of Ely, we have great pleasure in noticing the magnificent painted window which has just been presented to it by the Rev. Edward Bowyer Sparke, one the Canons of the church; it occupies the south east angle of the lantern and is of noble dimensions, being 40 feet in height: it is designed to commemorate the foundress of the church, St. Etheldreda, and the persons who figured in her real or traditional history. The tracery is filled with foliage and other divices, the arms of the donor, an angel with a scroll bearing the inscription _ "Domine, dilexi decoram domustini", figures of Sevenna and Suwerra, the female attendants of Etheldreda, representations of her marriage and of her consecration as Abbess of the Monastery; whilst the four great lights of the window contain two rows of figures, six feet in height, placed under gorgeous canopies; in the first row is a representation of Etheldreda as Queen, her father, Anna, King of the East Angles, her first husband Tonbert, King of the Giroii, and her second husband, Egfrid, King of Northumberland: in the second row she appears as Lady Abbess of Ely, with Wilfred Archbishop of York, by whom she was consecrated, and her successors in the government of the Monastery, Jenborga and Ermenilda.

The colouring is singularly rich and magnificent, and the masses of light and shade are distributed with great skill and effect: we need hardly say that it greatly increases the beauty of the unrivalled lantern of this Cathedral, and induces us to indulge in the hope that the time is not very far distant when other benefactors may be found who may be disposed to enrich the other three windows in a similar manner. The artist is Mr. Wm. Wailes, of Newcastle, who has completed this great and beautiful work in a little more than three months, having received the order in April last. The cost if £600.

The same liberal benefactor proposes to present another painted window by the same artist, to the south transept, and the church is likewise indebted to him for originating, by a noble gift, the restoration of the south-west transept which has added so greatly to the beauty of the Cathedral.

We may further observe that the design for the eight great windows at the east end of the choir, for filling which with painted glass the late Bishop Sparke left £1,500, is nearly completed, and will be put in hand with as little delay as is practicable.

In addition to other works which are now in progress in this Cathedral, we have heard that Mr. A. B. Hope, whose munificence is so well known, has undertaken to restore one of the pinnacles of the east end of the Church, and Lady Mildred Hope to restore the beautiful cross in the eastern gable, and the crocketting which leads up to it; and also that Mr. H. R. Evans, who has been so long and so honourably connected with the chapter as Steward of their Manors, and in other capacities, has most liberally undertaken to defray the expense of opening and restoring the great lantern of the western tower, which is now concealed by a plaster vault to the floor of the bell chamber, and of thus bringing into view the most beautiful system of Norman arcading which is to be found in any cathedral in this Kingdom.

On Wednesday week as the omnibus from Newmarket to the railway at Ely, was proceeding through the parish of Snailwell, the horse, a very spirited one, was frightened by a dog, started off at full speed, and threw the driver and a commercial traveller from the box. The latter having received a concussion of the brain and some severe wounds in the head, was carried to the only public house in the village, kept by Mrs Woollard, but she inhumanly refused to take him in, he was then taken to the Green Dragon, at Fordham, where he was bled and his wounds dressed. Messrs. Addison, of Soham, and Peck, of Newmarket, surgeons, have attended him, and with the kindness of Mr Smith, the Landlord, and his daughter, he is in a fair way of doing well. It is due to Mr Bottom, the coach proprietor, to say that he has ordered everything necessary towards his recovery. The drivers' arm was a good deal hurt, but he is dong well.

Stretham
There was a mistake last week about the accident that occurred between two boys, one of them discharged a gun at the other. By a misprint it was represented to have happened at Haddenham instead of at Stretham. The wounded boy's name is Mark Howe, and he is doing pretty well. The name of the boy who fired the gun Aaran Morris son of Richard Morris.

August 23 1845
The late Harvest
In this extensive wheat growing district the sickle has not yet been brought into use. The weather still continues cold, cheerless and unseasonable.

Lynn and Ely Railway Company
The Directors beg to inform the Public that they have given the necessary directions for applying to Parliament in the next session for an Act to extend their railway from Wisbech to March, to join there the Ely and Peterborough Line of the Eastern Counties Railway Company, with a view of affording to the port of Wisbech a direct line of railway communication with the metropolis, the city of Peterborough and all the western and south western parts of the Kingdom.
W. Browne Folkes
Chairman of the Board of Directors
H. C. Lacey, deputy Chairman
W. W. Williams, Secretary
18 George Street, Westminster,
August 19 1845

August 30 1845

Fatal Accident on the Railway.

On Monday last, about half-past four o'clock, when the labourers were returning home from their work in the neighbourhood of Ely, an accident of a fatal nature occurred through the carelessness of the person whose death was occasioned.

The labourers are conveyed down on trucks, and the heedlessness which they are constantly in the habit of exhibiting might have been the cause of more accidents than have taken place. The deceased labourer was standing with some others on the truck the train going at the time at the rate of about twenty miles an hour – and was carelessly putting on his coat, when he overbalanced himself and fell under the train. The injuries he received was of the most dreadful nature. His skull was completely scalped and fractured, his left arm crushed, and he sustained other severe injuries on the body; immediate assistance was procured. The officers of the company dispatching an express engine to Cambridge for surgical aid besides sending to Ely. Several surgeons from the latter place were quickly on the spot, and it was then thought that the man's life could be saved on the arrival of the express engine at the Cambridge Station, the company whose exertions cannot be too highly praised, immediately dispatched Mr Humphrey, and Mr Henry Mitchell, surgeons to Addenbrookes Hospital, in a special train to the scene of the occurrence. On the arrival of these gentlemen, all hope of saving the unfortunate man's life had disappeared, and it would have been useless to have made an amputation of the arm. He was then dying, and in fact expired in the course of the evening. He has left a wife and three children.

It is to be hoped that this tragical circumstance will operate as a warning to other labourers, to be more careful for the future.

September 6 1845

The Isle of Ely Small Debts Courts

The Act just passed (the 8 and 9 Vict.c.127) is calculated to render these courts very efficient for the recovery of debts in the isle, indeed to make them in civil matters what the Quarter Sessions are in criminal. By the act the jurisdiction of the courts may be increased from 40s to £20., and will thus include all actions that are now tried before the Sheriff, and when the jurisdiction is so increased, it will be the duty of the Commissioners, within to elect a Judge who will have the very useful powers of examining and committing to prison the fraudulent debtors. The office of Judge will be one of great responsibility, and if the bill be rendered efficient for the Isle, the Commissioners will elect men of high character and good knowledge of the law - men who will be looked up to, and whose character and standing in society is such as to raise them above suspicion. The remuneration will arise from small fees in every case coming before them.

Accident

On Thursday last, as one of Mr. J. W. Granger's carts were proceeding from a field on Red Hill Farm towards the stack yard, laden with peas, a little boy about five years old, son of John Murfitt, who lives in the house on the farm, was running to overtake the driver, when he accidently fell before the wheel, which passed up between his legs and on to one of his thighs and broke it.

Had it not been that the driver stopped the horses instantly as he heard the child cry out, the vehicle must have passed over him, which would undoubtedly have prove fatal. There is no blame whatever attached to the driver, as he did not know the child was after him until he heard it cry out. The boy is going on favourable under the attention of Mr. Muriel, surgeon, Ely, who was immediately sent for after the accident.

September 13 1845

Notice is hereby given, that William Cooper Esq., the Barrister appointed to Revise the Lists of Voters in the Election of Knights of the Shire for the county of Cambridge, has appointed Courts to be held for the Revision of such Lists, so far as respects the Isle of Ely at the places and times after mentioned.

At the Sessions House Wisbech on Monday 22nd September instant at Eleven o'clock forenoon.

At the Falcon Inn, Whittlesey, on Tuesday 23rd September instant at ten o'clock forenoon.

At the Sessions House in the City of Ely on Wednesday 24th September at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, for revising the said lists for Downham; St Mary in Ely; Holy Trinity in Ely; Littleport; in the Hundred of Ely.
Coveney; Haddenham; Mepal; Stretham; Sutton; Thetford; Wentworth; Wilburton; Witcham, Witchford; in the South part of the Hundred of Witchford.
Chatteris; Manea; Welches Dam; in the North part of the Hundred of Witchford
And for all other Parishes, Hamlets, or Places in the said Isle (if any) not hereinbefore enumerated.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace for the Isle of Ely

September 20 1845

September 27 1845

October 4 1845

Ely and Bury St. Edmund's Railway
A Railway under this title, and advertisement of which appears in another column, has just been projected, with a capital of £200,000, in 10,000 shares of £20 each. It is to proceed from Ely, via Mildenhall, to Bury, and there form a junction with the railway to Ipswich now in course of construction.

October 11 1845

One night last week, a poor fellow named Porter, supposed to have been rather intoxicated, laid himself down to sleep on a brick-kiln at Ely, and was found the next morning suffocated.

October 18 1845

Ely and Bury St. Edmund's Railway
In consequence of the great number of applications for shares in this Company, which are daily received from all parts of the country, the Provisional Directors feel it necessary to call the attention of the Public to the following clause in the Prospectus, to the terms of which they will, in allotting the shares, be compelled most strictly to adhere.

"As under arrangements entered into with the Lynn and Ely, Ely and Huntingdon, and Lynn and Dereham Railway Companies, a large proportion of the Capital has been appropriated to the holders of shares in those companies, a very limited number of shares only is at the disposal of the Provisional Directors, and no application for shares therefore can be attended to except from parties locally interested and of the highest respectability.
By Order, L. F. Edwards
Secretary, pro tem

Ely Rectory, Glebe Farm
Tithe Free
To Be Sold by Auction by George Legge

At the Lamb Inn in Ely, on Thursday 23rd October instant.
A most Valuable Leasehold Estate, called
"The Ely Rectory Glebe Farm" consisting of 86 Acres of Excellent Land in one Lot, nearly all close to the City, and comprising the following convenient parcels:-
A New allotment of Arable Land in Braham Field containing 34A 1R 37P lying next the Cambridge Turnpike Road.

An Old enclosed piece of Arable Land adjoining the last containing 9 acres, called "The Nineteen Lands".

Another new allotment of Arable Land adjoining the last containing 5A 3R 30P lying next Witchford turnpike road.

Another new allotment of Arable Land in Deadhill Field containing 21A 1R 11P lying next the Witchford turnpike road.

A Close of Pasture near the Ely Union House called "Poplar Tree Close", containing 1A 3R 26P more or less.

Another Close of Pasture called "Bugs Hill Close", containing 4A 2P at the entrance of the town, and next the Cambridge Turnpike road.

A piece of Fen Land in Middle Fen, containing 6A 37P being the sixth ground from Stuntney Causeway, and abutting on the bank.

A Piece of Fen Land in Burnt Fen containing 3A 30P abutting on the Burnt Fen Bank, adjoining the dwelling house of Mrs Butcher.

The above valuable Estate is held by Lease under the Rev. the Dean and Chapter, for a term of Twenty-one years from 29th September last – Reserved rent, five quarters of wheat, a boar or forty shillings, and ten loads of straw or £15.

Immediate possession may be had.

Further particulars from Evans and Sons, Solicitors, or of the Auctioneers Ely.

Isle of Ely Sessions
Held on Wednesday last, before the Rev. H. Fardell, chairman, the Dean of Ely, the Rev. Algernon Peyton, W. Layton, H. Dunn Garder, A Pell, Esqrs. and many others.
Prisoners

Wm Nobes, (16) found guilty of stealing half a sovereign, the property of Elizabeth Petcher, at Wisbech, both were servants to Mr Wales, surgeon, Wisbech.

James Tuck (20) charged with stealing a piece of bacon, the property of Mr Wm. Crisp, of Wisbech, Guilty, a previous conviction proved, seven years transportation.

Schemiah Stocker, (21) and Benjamin Hudson (24) charged with stealing a coat, the property of Peter McCarter of Wisbech. Jury found Stocker guilty, Hudson acquitted.

Ann Stokes (24) indicted for stealing a purse and money, property of Mary Ann Youngs at March, Jury acquitted prisoner, was tried again next day on a similar charge and again acquitted.

Wm. Hawkins (21) Wm. Taylor (20) and Charles Church (22) three railway labourers, charged with stealing a pack of goods, the property of Anthony Stimson, an Irish hawker, from a beer house, kept by a person named Kempton, at Ely St. Mary. Acquitted.

John George Moody (26) pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing two handkerchiefs, property of John Morris, of Wisbech – One month's hard labour.

Charles Bingham (20) guilty to a charge of stealing a silver watch, property of Robert Strutt, Elm. Three months hard labour.

John Bristow (20) charged with stealing a coat, the property of Joseph Coulman, at Elm, found guilty.

Wm. Dobson (11) pleaded guilty to stealing a half crown, the property of Thomas Lant of March. The prisoner was very young, but a perfect adept in the commission of crime being a highway robbery of a little girl. The Chairman, in a very feeling address, said he considered it a real blessing to the prisoner that he had the power to pass a sentence of ten years transportation upon him, for in so doing he should have the satisfaction of knowing that the prisoner would be furnished with the means of gaining an honest livelihood and be snatched from the vortex of crime into which he was so rapidly falling.

John Single and Henry Jefferson were acquitted, the former of stealing, the latter of receiving an ash pole, the property of Richard Hemmerway, of Whittlesey.

Charles Wright (25) pleaded guilty to stealing a silver watch, the property of Thomas Norris, of Whittlesey.

Benjamin Ashling (68) charged with stealing a quantity of nails, property of Henry Bennett of Whittlesey. One month's hard labour.

Wm. White (50) pleaded guilty to stealing a casting tool, the property of James Lee, of Ely Trinity – Seven days imprisonment.

October 25 1845

Value of Fen Land

At a sale of land in Feltwell Fen, on Thursday week in Ely, 546 acres realized £14,000.

The ordination of the Bishop of Ely, which was to have taken place last Sunday has been postponed until tomorrow.

November 1 1845

Ely Fair - Improvement at Ely

Ely fair was but thinly supplied with horses and cow stock on Wednesday, but a fair share of business was transacted.

We hope the day is not far distant when we shall see a large beast market established in this place; we are persuaded that the effort only requires to be made, and it is accomplished. In railway matters it must be allowed that Ely has obtained a days' march in advance of other towns in this part of the kingdom, being the metropolis of a large extent of the finest grazing and most productive corn land in the country - the centre point at which the railroads for which the sanction of the legislature has been obtained, branch over a vast agricultural district, the produce of which, comprising corn, oxen, sheep, pigs, carriages, etc., a vast amount of merchandise, continually passing through, gives this place an opportunity which if now allowed to pass will never again be offered.

Now or never may Ely be made an important place: let its inhabitants arouse from the lethargy into which they have fallen. Far sighted strangers taunt us with being sleepy: it must indeed be allowed we have been supine. Then shall we congratulate the influential and intelligent farmers of Ely and its neighbourhood upon their coming to market themselves, buying and selling their own commodities at their own doors, exercising their own judgement in buying and obviating the necessity of trusting their property to salesmen with whom they are frequently dissatisfied. The time is gone by for asking whether railways are to be beneficial or not; all now allow if they are to become general, the more we have the better; and if we judge from the great influx of company brought by the rail, we must say never were there so many strangers seen in the town, nor coaches, flys, and chaises so much in requisition. And allow that to Ely it has been a God-send unsought and unasked for; now let us endeavour to prove it not altogether undeserved. Let but a requisition be

started for a meeting from the right quarter, and we would take the liberty of suggesting to our excellent neighbour, Wm. Layton Esq., with the assistance of the Messrs. Rayners, Martins, Vipans, Cropley, Lawrence, Dobedo, and a host of their wealthy neighbours, to stir in the matter, and we promise that the trade of the town will gladly respond to any call that may be made to them, and would not be backward with the railway companies and the clergy in promoting and accomplishing so desirable an object. A rapid stride has been made in the moral, domestic, and business habits of the kingdom, and unless we "go ahead" with others we shall become as an excellent man said, whose praise Ely people cannot too greatly laud, "like the remnant of a scattered army."

Fire

On the 23rd instant, about half past six o'clock in the evening, a fire broke out in the farmyard of Mr. Robert Wade, occasioned no doubt by the men working by candle-light at the threshing machine. It consumed two stacks of fodder, a hay-stack, a oat-stack and a barley stack, of about £250 value, belonging to Wade, and which were unensured; also two wheat stacks belonging to Messrs. G and J. Hall, which were ensured in the Norwich fire office. Fortunately, through the exertion of the populace and an abundant supply of water afforded by the long length of piping given by the Rev. the Dean and Chapter, the progress of the flames was arrested. We should be glad to see the equipment of fire engines improved; some more piping is much needed for conducting the water, owing to the difficulty always experienced in forming lines for passing the buckets at any distance from the fire; two or three tarpaulins would be of great service: it would also be desirable that all the agents of the several Fire Offices, the chief constable, the superintendent and sergeant of police, and all whose business it is more particularly to assist at fires, should be well acquainted with the tackle of the engines, and some plan adopted for the better management and conducting of the engines in the town.

Funeral of the Late Mr Basevi.

An unfortunate accident - for even newspapers are not exempt from the chances of such things - prevented us last week from noticing the funeral of the late Mr Basevi, whose sad death we had the pain of recording the week before. Some little inaccuracies appear in the accounts that have been published, which are of no great moment perhaps, but they may as well be set right.

The remains of the lamented gentleman were interred in the north aisle of the Cathedral in which he met his death, immediately opposite Bishop Kilkenny's tomb. About half past four on the afternoon of Tuesday week, the procession left the deanery, where the body was placed after the accident. Public curiosity, says a contemporary, and, it may truly be said, universal sympathy attracted hundreds to witness the performance of the last solemn ceremony paid to poor humanity. Hours before the time appointed for the funeral, strangers and townsmen gathered around the stately edifice. Many gentlemen of distinction, and tradesmen of Cambridge, and the vicinity of Ely, arrived by the two o'clock train, as well to be present upon the occasion, as to have a personal view of the scene of the accident, and as each individual stood awe stricken at the frightful spot an exclamation of horror escaped their lips, and many turned giddily away, unable to look but for a moment at the dizzy height. At the time the accident occurred a man, who was at work near the spot where the unfortunate gentleman fell states that hearing a groan of anguish he turned his head, and saw Mr Basevi falling – and that the groan escaped ere the body reached the ground. The beam upon which the head of the deceased struck in his descent was bespattered with blood, but nearly the whole of that particular place has been cut away by some person, with a desire to gratify the curiosity of those whose taste it is to feed upon the horrible.

The funeral procession was met at the south entrance of the Cathedral, which leads from the deanery, by the Lord Bishop of Ely, followed by the lay clerks of the choir arranged with deep black scarfs thrown across their white surplices. The Bishop officiated, and the moment the coffin was in the Cathedral the organ commenced its solemn strain, the choristers singing the service

instead of the priest reading it; and the procession moved slowly up the isle of the Cathedral, the choristers singing the whole way into the middle of the choir.

Order of Procession

William Layton Esq.	H. R. Evans Esq
H. R. Evans, jun, Esq.	G. Stevens Esq.
? Cockerell Esq	
John Muriel Esq	Robert Stevens Esq., M. D.
Mr Hastie	Mr Smith (Clerk of the Works
(Clerk of the Works, Ely)	Fitzwilliam Museum
Mr Palmer	Mr. Porter
Mr. Freeman	Mr. Bard

At the south door of the Cathedral the procession was joined by the following persons, who fell in on the front of the body.

Singing Boys
Lay Clerks
Vergers

The Rev. S. Smith	The Rev. Mr. Clay
The Rev. G. Millers	The Rev. Griffiths

The Rev. Mr Ashley
The Lord Bishop

Rev. Wm. Selwyn	The Body	Rev. Dr. French
The Vice Chancellor of Cambridge		Rev. H. Fardell
Pro. Haviland		Wm. Hopkins Esq.

Mourners

Mr. N. Basevi		Mr. H. Basevi
Mr Hyatt		Rev. W. Briscoe
Capt. Briscoe		Mr. Walters
Tycho Wing, Esq		Rev. Henry Low
Mr Lindo	Mr Reynolds	Mr. Trevor
The Dean		
Professor Willis		Rev. D. Stewart

The service was composed by Marbeck, as adapted by him in the year 1550, at the Reformation, to the ancient Gregorian Chant. It was arranged for the present service by Mr. Janes, the organist, upon the occasion; and too much praise cannot be given to him for his masterly performance of this splendid composition, as well as to the gentlemen of the choir for the chaste, steady and effective manner in which they executed the whole. “I am the Resurrection”, struck us as a splendid and sublime commencement. “Man that is born of woman” was also most effectively given.

The service being concluded in the choir, by the Bishop reading the 15th Chapter of St Pauls’ Epistle to the Corinthians from the burial service, the procession moved down the choir, and entered the left gate which leads at once into the aisle where the grave as prepared, and the remainder of the service was concluded.

Several hundreds of people were congregated upon the occasion, and many an eye that glistened with a tear showed the deep sympathy that was awakened for the untimely loss of so distinguished and estimable man, as well as for the widow and orphan children who have thus been bereft of a loving husband and affectionate father. Most truly and sincerely do we join in the prayer requiescat in pace.

The pleasing ceremony of receiving into the church a converted Jew was performed in St. Mary's church, Ely, by the Rev. S. Smith baptising John Mark Lyan on Sunday last, his sponsors were Robert Janes, Esq., and Mr. McLocklin.

Cattle Market and Corn Exchange
We understand that a preliminary meeting is to be held this evening for the purpose of arranging a public meeting to adopt measures for the establishing a stock-market, and erecting a corn exchange in the city of Ely.

The death of three children was nearly occasioned by their drinking water out of a pail in which arsenic had been mixed in preparing wheat for seed, at Uxload, near Ely. It was discovered in time, and they are all doing well.

Ely Fields Inclosure
We the undersigned, being respectively Proprietors of lands situate in the open and common arable fields within the parish of St. Mary, in Ely, do hereby appoint a Public Meeting of the proprietors of the said open and common arable fields to be held at the Kings' Arms Inns, in the parish aforesaid, on Friday 28th November, instant at one o'clock in the afternoon to nominate and appoint a person to be a Commissioner in the stead or Place of Mr Anthony Jackson, deceased, late one of the Commissioners appointed for dividing, allotting and enclosing the said open and common arable fields, under the provisions of an Act passed in the 6th and 7th years of the reign of His late Majesty King William the fourth, entitled "An Act for facilitating the inclosure of open and arable fields in England and Wales", and in pursuance of the agreement in writing duly entered into by the Proprietors of and persons interested in the said open and common Arable Fields for dividing and inclosing the same.
Dated this fifth day of November, 1845
Hy. Lawrence
Wm. Rayner
Henry Rayner
Jas Cropley
John Harlock.

November 15 1845

Ely Cathedral
We have just seen four views of the beautiful cathedral of Ely, executed in tinted lithography by Hulmandel, with which we are much pleased. The view from the railway bridge will find many admirers; and the south view affords a beautiful delineation of the Porters Lodge. They will suit the portfolio or for framing, and will form a pleasing memento to the visitor to this noble pile.

A Meeting of the Ouse Navigation Commissioners was held at Ely on Friday last, when the following gentlemen were elected Commissioners, namely, the Earl of Leicester, Holkham; and Messrs W. Eagle, J. Sugars, C. W. Spurgeon, F. K. Reynolds, and G. W. Wood. These gentlemen fill the vacancies caused by the deaths of the late Earl of Leicester, Major Lee, Edward Rolfe, H. H. Henley, L. Wright and Samuel Hadley.

November 22 1845

Ely Cattle Market and Corn Exchange
These undertakings are now before the public, the subscription list for shares being nearly complete.

The site chosen for the cattle market is the best that could possibly be selected, being near the centre of the town, and the owner of the nutholt having agreed to dispose of part of that property for the purpose.

The situation of the Corn Exchange, is not yet fixed; the Market Hill has been named, and the Bishop applied to on the subject. An effort will be made to pull down the ugly cluster of houses which have crept up in the middle of the Market place, which if removed, and an Exchange worthy of the wealth and importance of the district built in the centre, would be the greatest improvement that could possibly be made, and render the market place the pride of the town, and one of the best in the Kingdom.

Two Horses Killed
On Saturday night last, Mr. David Ellingham's boy, about seven o'clock, heard a steamer pass, and supposing it to be the train proceeded to turn the horses out to grass, to do which he had to cross the rail near the brick kilns. The horses being without halters, and under no control, got on the line, the train passing at the time struck one on the head and cut the other in two; fortunately the engine kept on the line, or the consequences might have been dreadful.

November 29 1845

Death – on Tuesday, the 25th ultimo, aged 21, deeply regretted by her family, Marie Antoinette, third daughter of Mr David Torkington, Ely.

Fatal Accident
On Thursday morning, about 11 o'clock, three men, Thomas See, Edward Veal, and Robert Feast, being employed in raising sand from a pit belonging to Mr William Sparrow, near the Gallows-pit, Ely, a portion of the side of the pit being undermined, fell upon the men. See and Veal were much bruised about the legs; poor Feast was quite buried under the earth, and when taken out was quite dead, being literally crushed to death. The depth of the pit was not more than 11 feet, and about 14 tons of earth appear to have slipped in.

The deceased was about 20 years of age, and the banns for his marriage were to have been published next Sunday; his father about three weeks since, fell from a ladder and broke his thigh.

Suicide
On Tuesday last, shortly after the departure of the morning down train, the principal clerk of the Thetford station put a period to his existence by blowing out his brains with a pistol. The deceased Mr Walker about 30 years of age left the Great Western Railway Company, and since the opening of the Norfolk line, had been in the service of that Company, but being incompetent had received notice to leave his situation.

On the arrival of the train he conversed with Church, the guard, and about ten minutes later after he had left, Walker went into the waiting room, from whence the report of a pistol was heard, when it was discovered that deceased had perpetrated the awful sin of self destruction.

December 6 1845

Ely Union
Bread and Flour Contract
The Board of Guardians of the above Union, give notice, that they will, at their weekly meeting at the Union Workhouse, in Ely, on Thursday 11th December next, receive Tenders for supplying the said Workhouse and the Out-door paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief, with the following articles, from 18th December, to 18th March next.

Good thirds Flour, at per stone
Good Bread, made of the same quality of Flour, 24 hours old, at per 4lb loaf.
Good Beef without bone, Mutton and Suet, at per stone
To be delivered at the said Workhouse at such times, and in such quantities, as the Board of Guardians shall order, and to be supplied to the paupers in every parish, in such quantities as shall be expressed in tickets issued by the Relieving Officer.

Marriage at Coveney, on Saturday last, Mr George Legge, auctioneer of Ely, to the daughter of Mr Charles Porter, of the former place.

At Ely, on Tuesday last, Mr Matthew Ayres to Miss Betsy Beamis.

December 6 1845

Ely Cattle Market and Corn Exchange
The public meeting for effecting the establishment of a cattle market and erecting a corn exchange was on Thursday very respectably and numerously attended.

The Very Rev. the Dean was in the chair, and in a very forcible and able speech clearly demonstrated to the meeting the important benefits which may reasonably be anticipated, the extreme fertility of the district, the establishing of railways spreading in every direction having Ely for their centre, providing a conveyance for its production at as cheap a rate as water carriage, the improvement of the navigation which is now sufficient to admit vessels of 70 or 80 tons burden, all combining to make Ely, if not a first rate, at least a very important mercantile city. The movers and seconders of the resolution, Wm. Layton Esq., W. Harlock Esq., Geo. Hall Esq., and Jas Cropley Esq., ably expatiated upon the above circumstances, and the meeting unanimously determined to adopt measures for the accomplishment of the objects of the meeting. A. Pell Esq., proposed and H. Martin Esq., seconded a vote of thanks to the Rev. Chairman, who expressed his readiness at all times to assist in anything having for its object the improvement of the town and the benefit of the surrounding district, and informed the meeting that the Bishop was very anxious to assist in promoting the good of the city. A meeting of the shareholders was afterwards held, when Mr Harlock withdrew his offer of part of the nutholt, and it was resolved by a majority of 21 to 4 "That the Market hill was the best spot for the erecting the Corn Exchange and having the Cattle Market, and that the unsightly patch of old houses be pulled down," the sum required for dong which was estimated at £6,500 and it was suggested that half the amount be raised by shares for the market and exchange, and the other moiety by the householders by a improvement rate. A strong feeling was manifested by the householders, who seemed to be alive to the noble improvement it would make, and are desirous that the spirit of the age (improvement) should not stop with the above projects, but that other desirable improvements in the city should be carried on, for which purpose a meeting of the householders is to be held on Monday next at the Sessions house at 7 o'clock in the evening, when doubtless the inhabitants will put their shoulder to the wheel with all their might, it being "now or never".

December 13 1845

Ely Market
A Meeting of the inhabitants and of the owners and occupiers of Land in Ely, and the adjacent parishes, will be holden at the Shire Hall, in Ely, on Thursday 18th December next at one o'clock, to take into further consideration the measures in contemplation for the erection of a corn exchange and for providing an additional site for the cattle market.

Ely and Huntingdon Railway Company

Notice is hereby given that a special General Meeting of the Proprietors of this Company, will be held at the London Tavern, Bishopsgate Street, London, on Wednesday 31st December at three o'clock in the afternoon precisely, for the purpose of taking into consideration, and if approved of, of confirming an agreement entered into between the Directors of the respective Companies for amalgamating this Company with the Lynn and Dereham and Lynn and Ely Railway Companies, and also for the purpose of taking into consideration the expediency of authorising the Directors to apply to Parliament in the next session for power to extend the line of this company from Huntingdon to Bedford, and to raise an additional Capital, not exceeding Two Hundred Thousand Pounds, for the carrying into effect of such extension Line.
Henry C. Lacy, chairman
W. W. Williams, Secretary
Company's Office Lynn Norfolk

December 20 1845

Ely Mechanics' Institution
On the 10th instant a lecture was delivered at this institution by J. C. Davie Esq., surgeon of Haddenham, on the physiology of sleep. The subject was admirably illustrated, and treated on the most philosophical principles of modern investigation which excited the general admiration of a large and respectable audience.

On Friday last the annual meeting of the Savings' Bank, was held in the Town Hall, Wm. Stevens Esq., mayor, in the chair. By the report it will be seen that a great increase has taken place during the past year. Mr Stevens was appointed a trustee in the room of Mr William Lee, Esq., deceased.

December 27 1845

Marriage – on 25th instant, Mr Kempton, son of Mr Samuel Kempton of Cambridge, to Sarah, only daughter of Mr William Kempton, Market Place, Ely.

Ely
Last week, while some workmen were removing the earth near the Lady Chapel, exactly under where, about two years ago, a handsome tessellated pavement was found (which has been laid down in the Cathedral) they discovered a stone coffin, of a very large size, measuring six feet inside, and containing part of a human skeleton. The whole was carefully conveyed into the museum of the cathedral, where a large number of persons have been to see it. The coffin and its contents are supposed to have been buried at least 800 years. Underneath this coffin was found a smaller one, but being broken, it was not disturbed.

Ely and Peterborough Railway
We understand that Sir Frederick Thesiger will shortly pay Ely a professional visit, several landholders having refused the very liberal offers of compensation for land required for this undertaking. The Company have determined to leave the amounts to a jury. Already some of the parties begin to think that in attempting to draw the screw too tight, after payment of their costs there will be but little compensation left, and they will learn "that a fair thing is a right thing."

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January 3 1846
Isle of Ely General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, will be holden at the Sessions House, Wisbech on Wednesday 7th January next at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, at which hour the chair will be taken, and all jurors, constables and persons bound by recognizance, and others having occasion to attend are required to give their attendance accordingly.

And notice is also hereby given, that the business relating to the Constabulary Force of the Isle, and laying a Police rate towards defraying the expenses of the said Force will commence and be proceeded in immediately after the Grand Jury are sworn and charged; and after such business is disposed of the business relating to the assessment, application, or management of the Isle stock or Rate will commence and be done and transacted in open court.

The Justices Clerks are requested to send the several depositions and recognizances to the office of the Clerk of the Peace, at Wisbech, on or before the Saturday preceeding.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech.

January 10 1846
Railway
The present temporary Station at Ely, having been found insufficient, orders were given last Tuesday, for extensive additional buildings.

Marriage – On Christmas Day, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Ely (by the Rev. G. Clay) William, youngest son of Mr John Kempton, of Northampton Street, Cambridge, to Sarah only daughter of Mr. William Kempton, Market-hill, Ely.

Ely Cattle Market and Corn Exchange
At a meeting of the shareholders of these undertakings, the offer of the feoffees for the hire of the garden to be converted into a cattle marker was considered to be excessive, double the present rent; but the Committee was authorised to continue the negotiation, in the hope that the improvement occasioned to the property of the Trust by the establishment of the Cattle Market, contiguous to the White Hart Inn, would induce the Feoffees to come to equitable terms and not choke an undertaking which promises so much good to the town and neighbourhood. With respect to the Corn Exchange, the sections, prepared by Mr. Donthorn, were laid before the meeting and considered unique. The Committee were authorised to treat for the purchase of the Chapel premises, which were to be converted into a Vegetable and Poultry Market, and altogether we may congratulate our townsmen upon the success which has attended the praiseworthy efforts of Wm. Layton, Esq., and Mr Archer, who have been indefatigable in their exertions for the past three weeks, and well deserve the lasting thanks of the public.

Ely Mechanics Institution
The fourth annual meeting of this society was held at the Boys' National Schoolroom on Friday evening, H. R. Evans, jun., Esq., in the chair, when a report of the proceedings of the last year (of a highly satisfactory character) was read by the hon. secretary, W. Marshall, Esq., the receipts exceeding those of the preceeding year. There are now 1033 vols. in the Library. No works of a controversial kind in religion or politics are allowed. Several interesting communications were made by the committee and members present, shewing the advantages so easily obtained and the facilities of getting a choice supply of well selected books, an incalculable benefit to the aspiring and reading youth. 14,000 vols. have been in circulation amongst the subscribers in the last 4 years, and a person becoming a member now, may receive a fresh book every week for 20 years to come, exclusive of new purchases in the current and following years. This is more than almost any private library can offer, and all for ten shillings a year, and half a crown entrance money. Great credit is due to Mr. M. Fisher for the attention, arrangement, and regularity in every particular, as Librarian to the society.

The Bishop of Ely, Dr. Turton, has kindly consented to become Patron of the Society, in the place of the late Bishop. Dr. Allen. Votes of thanks were proposed to the Chairman and the Committee of Management, and severally unanimously carried.

January 17 1846

Burnt Fen First District

Payment of Taxes

Notice is hereby given, that the Commissioners for Draining the First District of Burnt-fen lands, did, at Half-yearly Meeting, holden at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 27th March 1845, assess, rate, tax, and charge all and singular the fen land and low grounds within the said district with a Tax of Ninepence per acre, and a gradual Acre Tax not exceeding One shilling and sixpence per acre, and a further gradual Acre Tax not exceeding Three Shillings per acre, on each and every acre of the said fen lands and low grounds, and so on in proportion for any less quantity than an acre; and that the said several Taxes have been ordered by the said Commissioners to be paid to us, as their receivers, at our office in Ely, within the month of February next.

And Notice is hereby also given, that any person liable to the payment of the said rates and taxes, and omitting to pay the same to us for twenty days from the twenty eighth day of said month of February, will forfeit, and be required to pay to the said Commissioners by way of penalty for every such omission the sum of Three shillings and fourpence for every Twenty shillings of the said rates and taxes which shall be so in arrear and unpaid, and so on in proportion for any less sum then twenty shillings.

Dated 7th day, January 1846

T. and G. Archer

Clerks and Receivers to the said Commissioners.

January 24 1846

Death at Ely, on the 19th instant, Mr William Goodliffe aged 74 years.

Incendiary Fire

We regret to find that incendiarism has appeared in a portion of the county, which hitherto, even during the nightly burnings which took place last winter in Suffolk and the adjoining portion of the county of Cambridge, was free from this secret and dreadful crime. We, however, have recently had to record two acts of the incendiary in the isle of Ely, the perpetrators of which, up to the present moment, have escaped detection. Wherever this awful beacon light has appeared, it has been found most difficult to arrest its course; the isle possesses, fortunately, a well organised constabulary force, and we trust its best efforts, combined with that co-operation of the intelligent and influential portion of the population, almost necessary to lead to good results, will be put forth, and stay, ere it spreads further, a crime, which in this district, if once permitted to get a-head, would prove most lamentably destructive.

Robbery

Fowl stealing has been carried to a great extent in the neighbourhood of Ely during the present winter. On the night of 16th instant, Mr John Ellis, of the Anchor, St Mary's, Ely, had some stolen, also a pail on the following day. The police have reason to suspect Robert Unwin and James Hancock, who has before been transported, searched the house of the former, and there found, under the bed, the stolen pail. They have both been committed to take their trial at the next sessions.

January 31 1846

Marriage - At Ely on Monday last (by the Rev. W. K. Clay) Mr Thomas Machin, of Cambridge, lay clerk, to Mary, only daughter of Mr John Cross, merchant, of the former place.

The Corn Laws

On Thursday night, in the House of Commons, Mr Allix presented four petitions from the Isle of Ely and Marshland Agricultural Society against any alterations to the corn-laws.

Sudden Death
On Tuesday morning last, a boy named Layton, about five years of age, dropped down dead in Bull Lane, in Ely, the following day a post mortem examination was made, when a nail about an inch and a half long was found in his stomach, which doubtless caused his sudden death.

More Fowl Stealing
On Friday night week, some thieves broke into the fowl-house of Mr John Fuller, Ely, and stole twenty fowls, and also took off all the brass from his harness, with which they decamped. A few nights previous Mr Thomas Day had about twenty ducks stolen from his farm-yard, in Middle fen.

Increase in Postage.
But a few years since the Ely letter-carrier thought twenty letters a heavy delivery; one day last week the number of letters brought by the Ely bags for the two deliveries exceeded 860, a strong proof of the increased business of the place and the blessings of the penny postage.

February 7 1846

Ely Union,
Porter Wanted
Notice is hereby given, that the Guardians of the Ely Union will proceed on Thursday 19th instant, to elect a Porter of the Union Workhouse in Ely.

He must be a single man, between 25 and 45, steady, able to write and keep Accounts, and his moral character must be unexceptionable.

Salary £20 per annum, with double rations and residence at the Workhouse.

Candidates will be expected to attend at the Meeting and produce testimonials of character and fitness.
By Order of the Board
William Marshall, Clerk

Isle of Ely Agricultural Protection Societies
A Meeting was held at Ely, on Thursday last, Wm. Layton, Esq., in the chair. There was a full attendance of the principal owners and occupiers of land, resident in the Hundred of Ely. Amongst those present were Messrs. Wm. Martin, sen., John Vipan, Wm. Read, Wm. Saberton, Joseph Little, Wm. Simpson, (Downham), Frederick Granger, Thomas Granger, John Cutlack, Peacock (several), Wm. Rayner, Henry Rayner, Charles Mosely, Thomas Saberton, Huntingdon Martin, Henry Martin, Benjamin Vipan, James Cropley, John Harlock, (2) Wm. Luddington, Robert Poole, Gleaves, Clark, Fyson, Bailey, Porter (4) J. Simpson, Gill, J. Little, the Rev. H. Fardell, - Fardell, jun., J Cole, (Mepal), Wm. Martin, (Wilburton), etc, etc. William Layton, presided, and opened the business of the meeting. He said he was proud to see about him such a display of gentlemen of influence and property. He expressed his gratification at having waited until Sir Robert Peel had propounded his destructive scheme, and they had all had an ample opportunity to making themselves acquainted with it, before he called them together. Last year he had addressed this society and had alluded to Sir Robert Peel and his measures more strongly, perhaps, than he afterwards liked to see reported in the public press; he begged now to state that he did not retract one single expression, strong as it might have been; he had at one period a high opinion of Sir Robert Peel but his conduct had been such as to forfeit all confidence in him. From his sweeping measures, the Church, the Land, and in fact all that was dear to us, were placed in jeopardy.

In the statement put forward by the Minister, he spoke of compensation to the landed interest. Compensation, indeed? He proposed to take a guinea from our pocket and put a farthing in its place. This was his compensation. He (Mr L.) referred to the Corn Laws of 1842, and to the great losses produced by the panic; and with regard to the Premiers' observations upon the present high price of meat, said that was owing to the great loss among cattle from disease; and to the fact that the grazing of the country had fallen off, and a greater amount of capital was expended in producing great crops of corn.

He never could have believed that a Minister would have dared to stand forward and propound such a scheme as that produced by Sir R. Peel. If he (Mr L) could have foreseen this conduct on the part of the Minister he should not have been quite so active in the year 1842 in canvassing for his supporters. In consequence of the uncalled-for interference of Sir Robert Peel, the agriculturists of this country had a great struggle to undergo. They had been told that some of their wheat made 8s the bushel; he should like to know were it was to be got. He had sent a large quantity of corn lately down to Wisbech and Lynn, and the prices it produced quite staggered him; and had he known the result, he should not have disturbed his granary. 100 quarters of wheat had sold for 32s the quarter, and 100 at 40s quarter; he had also sent 100 quarters of barley, weighing 14½ stone per coomb, and that sold at 11s 9d; and yet the Minister told us that agriculture was prospering.

He had sent the statement of these facts to one of their members, and he had at once acknowledged that he was not aware that agricultural produce was fetching such low prices. Mr. Layton then censured the manner in which Mr Cobden and the League spoke of the House of Peers, and gave a description of the excited meetings which had been held in London, at which he was present. He did not, for a moment, wish to uphold the farmers at the expense of other classes of society; but he contended that if the Corn Laws were repealed that measure would deal out destruction to the great body of the people of this empire; and should we let a faction like the Corn Law League ruin the farmers, and injure the great bulk of the community? There would however, be a severe struggle in the House of Commons before the League achieved their victory; and he trusted their county members would be true to themselves and the agricultural interest; and if they would not pledge themselves to oppose the free-trade movement they should be called upon to resign: but if they again threw themselves into the arms of the enemy, he should never lend them his support on a future occasion, and he did not question but every gentleman he saw present would act in the same way.

My Layton then passed a eulogium well merited upon the manner in which the land in the Isle of Ely was farmed, which he said had been brought to its present perfection at an expenditure of capital of tens of thousands; and at a tax of from 4s to 10s per acre. He ridiculed the statement that repeal would not reduce prices and questioned the fact that foreign countries would take our manufactures in exchange for corn. Having shown the different cost of production in England and abroad, and referred to the question of rent, taxes, and expenses of farming to show that even with a reduction of half his rent, the farmer could not compete with the foreign grower. To withhold protection from the farmer, would plunge the country into the most disastrous position. He was surprised and grieved that this state of things was attempted by Sir. R. Peel; and he should hereafter be ashamed to acknowledge that he ever belonged to his party. They must now endeavour by all possible means to eject him from office. The moral feeling of this country was disgusted at his conduct, no further confidence could be placed in such a man, and he believed him to be the greatest enemy the country ever possessed. Mr Layton then gave a short analysis of the political life of Sir Robt. and denounced him as the mere tool of the Anti-Corn-Law League. In conclusion, he called upon the secretary (Mr Archer) to read the report which he was confident would meet with the approval of the meeting.

The report follows at great length, will be found on page 3.

February 14 1846
Death – On Thursday last after a long and severe affliction, in his 91st year, universally and deservedly respected. Mr Robt. Edwards of Ely, formerly and for many years postmaster and sub-distributor of stamps.

Petitions in favour of the Corn Laws have been signed by nearly every respectable inhabitant of the city of Ely; a counter petition has not even been mentioned.

Dastardly Act
Last week some mischievous person played a stupid and unfeeling hoax upon the family of a respectable widow, who has long lived in the city of Ely, by writing a letter informing her two daughters who reside at or near Clare, in Suffolk, that their mother had died suddenly.

Of course the parties hastened to Ely, and their feelings on finding that the epistle was a base fabrication, can be better imagined than described. It is a pity the wicked author cannot be found out, but he had better not venture upon so cruel a joke again.

Quackery
It is to be lamented that in these days when knowledge has done so much to ameliorate the condition of people, and the laws have provided proper medical assistance for a very poor family who are not in circumstances to command the services of gentlemen who are acquainted with the proper application of medicine, there should still be people who employ presumptuous and ignorant quacks, the consequence of which is generally increased suffering, and frequently loss of life, where a cheap and harmless medicine properly administered would have effected a rapid cure. The family of John Evans, a labourer residing in St Mary's Ely, having been infected with the "itch" about three weeks since, applied to Dr. Stevens, who have them a pot of ointment for its cure; whether the same was properly applied is doubtful, but at all events the children grew worse, and on Saturday last the father agreed with Rumbelow Bates, a farmers man, to cure his children for sixpence per head. A lotion was prepared and directions given for it to be well rubbed in all over the children, with flannel or cloth, which was done on Saturday night, and on the following Monday the rubbing was resumed, but owing to the screaming of the children, the mother left of. On the following day the irritation of the skin had increased to a violent inflammation over the whole bodies: in the evening the father became alarmed, and on his way to Mr. Stevens, he met Bates, who returned with him to look at the children, whom he pronounced better, and said the stuff, which he then put in his pocket and carried away, was too strong.

One of the children, a girl about 7 years old, shortly afterwards died: the death of another girl was also expected but, under the skilful treatment of Mr. Jones, we understand the children are better. An inquest was held on Wednesday which was adjourned until Saturday.
February 21 1846

February 28 1846
Ely Fields Inclosure
Notice is hereby given, that pursuant to an Adjournment from their last meeting, the Commissioners appointed for inclosing the open and common arable fields in the parish of Saint Mary, in Ely, under the powers of an Act of Parliament passed in the sixth and seventh years of the reign of his later Majesty King William IV for facilitating the inclosure of Open and Arable Fields in England and Wales, will Meet at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Wednesday 11th March next, at Eleven o'clock in

the forenoon, for the purpose of having the Draft of their intended award read over in the presence of such of the proprietors of the said fields as shall be then and there present.
Dated this 26th day of February 1846
James Jones
Wm. Noel Jackson
Two of the said Commissioners.

Railway Committees – Ely and Bury
The object of the petitioners in this case was to make a railway from Ely to the Ipswich and Bury St Edmunds Railway, at Bury, a distance of 23¼ miles.

The estimated cost of the line was £230,000 and the sum deposited with the Accountant General amounted to £17,280. Messrs Dyson, Wall and Co., are the parliamentary agents, and Mr. J. S. Valentine, the engineer.

The customary formal proofs having been put in on Wednesday, the committee decided that the standing orders had been complied with.

Ely and Huntingdon Railway (Bedford Branch).
This was an application for leave to make a line of railway from Brampton, in the County of Huntingdon, to the town of Bedford. The proposed line is 20 miles in length, and the estimated cost is £199,998.

Standing orders complied with, on Monday.

Parliament Street, Ely
Neat and valuable Household Furniture
Plate, China, Glass and other effects
To Be Sold by Auction, by John Cross
On Tuesday 10th March 1846, at ten o'clock precisely, in Parliament Street, the property of Mr. Wm. Laws.

The Auctioneer requests an early attendance in consequence of the number of lots and the shortness of the days.

Exceedingly Valuable Estates
Situate at Ely
Comprising an excellent and substantial Dwelling-house and Garden, capacious Yard, Granaries, and other outbuildings; 12 Acres of good Free and Copyhold Pasture land and Three Cottages, with valuable Garden Ground attached.
To Be Sold by Auction by Mr. Cross
At the Bell Inn, Ely, on Thursday 12th March between 6 and 8 o'clock in the evening by order of the Trustee of the estates of the late William Laws, deceased, in six lots.

Further particulars from Mr. Philip Wilson, Solicitor Lynn, or Mr. John Cross, Ely.
March 7 1846
Ely Union Contracts

The Board of Guardians of the above Union, give notice, that they will, at their Weekly Meeting at the Union Workhouse, in Ely, on Thursday 12 instant, receive Tenders for supplying the said Workhouse and the Out-door Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief Districts with Bread and Flour, Provisions etc, Clothing etc., from the 19th instant to 17th June next.

March 14 1846

Bedford Level Corporation
Banks Forelands and Fisheries
To Be Let by Auction (in separate lots)
Ely Division by George Legge
At the Shire Hall, at Ely, on Tuesday 17th March 1846, at eleven o'clock precisely, subject to certain conditions.
The Mow and Feed of the following Banks and Forelands:- viz.
The Swavesey and Over Bank and Forelands, from the Highlands to Crane Fen Gate, near the Hermitage.
The Bank and Forelands of the Hundred Feet River
The Crage Bank of the Hundred Feet River
The Bank and Forelands of St John's Eau.
The Close abutting upon the Turnpike road from Downham to Wisbech.
Long Wash abutting upon the Hundred Feet River, near Denver Sluice.
Barrier Bank and Forelands of the Old Bedford River.
The Low Bank and Forelands of the Old Bedford River
North Bank and Forelands of the Forty Feet River
South Bank and Forelands of the Forty Feet River.
Puddock Drove
East Bank and Drove of the Sixteen Feet River
Middle fen and Forelands
The Burnt Fen Bank from Littleport Bridge to Prickwillow Bridge and Shippey Farm.
Moor Bank from the River to Littleport
Mildenhall Drove
West Bank of the River Ouze
East Bank of the River Ouze
Fodder Fen Bank
North and South Banks and Forelands of Sam's Cut,
South Bank of the River Wissey.

March 2 1846

Death on the 11th instant, at Darmstadt, of a rapid decline, Robert, youngest son of the late Right Rev. Joseph Allen, D.D. Lord Bishop of Ely.

On Monday last, the 16th instant, at Ely, after a lingering illness borne with Christian resignation, aged 18 years, Henry son of Henry Piggott, Esq., solicitor, Ely.

Ely and Peterborough Railway
This line is likely to be completed by the latter end of the spring, the contractors, Messrs. Grissell and Peto, having set about the work in good earnest, employing on about 24 miles, 3,400 men, 780 waggons, 240 horses, and 4 locomotives, it is estimated that the value of the implements used thereon exceeds £30,000, and that about £4,000 per week is paid for labour.

Signs of the Times
Although conscientiously opposed to Sir Robert Peel's measures, we must admit that some agriculturists do not seem to apprehend the same consequences, for the letting of the feed of the Banks and Forelands etc., of the Bedford Level, by auction, on Tuesday last, after great competition, the same realised above 30 per cent more than at the last selling; and at the auction of

the property of the late Mr. Laws, four acres of land in Padnal, rough, without a road to it, which might 17 years ago have been bought for £15, was sold for £200. May our hopes be realized, our fears visionary, and our best friends prosper.

Wind and Steam

On Monday last the up Train, 2 o'clock, was delayed upwards of an hour in consequence of the wind being so high as for once to resist the power of steam: but in its turn it had to yield, and in spite of wind or weather the train was hurled along to Ely by two steamers. On the same evening the 6 o'clock up train was two hours and a quarter behind time; whether the engine was blown off the line or not, we have not been informed, but al all events the public "blow-up" the company for these irregularities which so seriously inconvenience many parties.

Railway Excavations

In excavating for the railway, many splendid geological specimens have been found in the Kimmeridge clay, which this locality abounds in.

Amongst the black earth have recently been discovered, heads of wild ox, wild boar, the wolf, the beaver; and horns of the various deer, more especially of that nearly extinct species, the roebuck. Immense quantities of horns attached to the head have been found in Downham Fen.

Robbery at the Railway Yard

Committed last Monday, for Ely Sessions, by the Dean of Ely, and the Rev. J. H. Sparke, two men named John Bassell and Maynard Rumbelow: these two men and their master, Philip Rolfe, had taken some manure on board some boats purchased of Mr Peto's agent, and were about moving off, when the watchman proceeded to examine the boats (customary on all occasions when any property is removed) and found two large elm naves under the dung: two pieces of plank were found afterwards, supposed to have been thrown overboard. Bassell and Rumbelow were delivered up to the police, and fully committed as above.

The Master P. Rolfe, not being present at the immediate time with the boats, no charge was brought against him.

March 28 1846

Ely

Mr John Dawson Ewer has been appointed by the Lords of the Treasury sub-distributor of stamps, at Ely, in the room of Mr Robert Edwards, deceased.

Awful Effects of Lightening

About one o'clock this day (Monday) we experienced a loud and sudden clap of thunder, preceeded by a vivid flash of lightening. The electric fluid levelled to the ground part of the chimney of the house occupied by Mr. J. Goodbody, of St Mary's Ely, cutting pieces off several remaining bricks, as a bricklayer would cut them for use; dispersed a portion of the tiles, and passed to the kitchen where Mrs. Goodbody was peeling some potatoes, and she was struck to the ground senseless, her shoes being torn to pieces, and stockings apparently burnt.

Immediate medical attention was obtained; her body was benumbed to her arms, with a partial appearance of having been burnt. She was bled, and every exertion is being made by her medical advisors.

April 4 1846

Appointment of Parish Officers

The parishioners of Ely Trinity determined yesterday week, by majority of 19 to 5, no longer to appoint a paid surveyor; after which Wm. Harlock Jun., and Wm. Saberton, Esqrs., were appointed for the year ensuing, without a salary; and on Thursday last, Mr. S. Flanders and Mr Edward Wilton, were appointed overseers, and Messrs. J. and S. Cornwall, James Nethercoat, and Wm. Ayres, Constables.

Railway

We are amongst those who consider it better to be enabled to go to town, do business, and return in one day, if we do not go so speedily as thought would carry us or a timetable tell us, than to take three days for the journey. We find it more convenient in business to receive letters twice a day than once; we find it more profitable to receive our goods by rail than to trust them to the uncertainly of three days or a week, or more, at a high rate, or to the delay and damage by water carriage. These comforts ought to be placed to the credit of the Railway Company who expended an extra sum to place them before us; yet we must acknowledge of late, bad has grown to be worse; delays are more numerous and longer, no doubt owing to the great increase of business.

A large quantity of stock was obliged to be sent away from Ely last week, owing to these being no trucks to convey them; and great inconvenience has been felt by merchants and jobbers during the week owing to the insufficiency of power. We feel for the Directors, for the public censure them without once acknowledging the benefits received. Time alone is required to make this the best and one of the most productive lines in the Kingdom; if it does but pay it is sure to command convenience and regularity, and time alone is required to obtain the locomotives and carriages necessary to the carrying on of the business of the district correspondent.

Markets

At last the sites for the Markets at Ely are decided upon. The Cattle Market is to be held in White Hart garden, and the Corn Exchange is to be erected in the middle of the Market-hill. Many of the shareholders feel strongly in favour of a public room, and the Committee feel disposed to comply to their wishes. Everything in reason will be done to make it an ornament to the town; and a wish was expressed by an influential gentleman to see it adorned with the statue of the gallant and intrepid Sir Henry Smith, whom we feel justly proud to acknowledge a native of the isle of Ely, the inhabitants of which would no doubt liberally assist in ornamenting the parent town of the isle, in commemoration of his glorious achievements.

April 11 1846

Death – On the 3rd instant, at Ely, after a long and painful illness borne with truly Christian resignation, in her 85th year, Miss Agnes Waddington, daughter of the late John Waddington, Esq., Her many virtues will be long and affectionately remembered and her loss severely felt by the poor and distressed, to whom her kind and unostentatious charities were unbounded.

The late Miss Agnes Waddington, whose death is recorded in our obituary, was a maiden lady, sister of the late Rev. Dr., Waddington, Prebendary of Ely Cathedral, and aunt of H. S. Waddington, Esq., M. P. for Suffolk.

To enumerate all the virtues of this lady would exceed the reasonable limits of the press, but it may with truth be said, no public charity or subscription of any kind could be introduced without the name of Miss Waddington appearing as one of the principal donors: her private charities were most extensive, and all her faithful old and worn out servants and the widows of them, were provided for, and experienced her daily and anxious care. As far as can be judged in this world by one or another, she appeared in fact and deed to live the life of a Christian. She was the last of the highly esteemed family of Waddington left in Ely, and the inhabitants generally lament the loss they have sustained by the death of this amiable lady, although at the venerable age of 85.

The residence of the deceased lady, adjoining the Palace Green, is one of the best in the city, being complete in every arrangement, and well calculated for a family of distinction.

The acknowledged improvement of the Navigation from Lynn to Ely, by clearing the gravels and other impediments, has brought vessels, (keels) of from 80, 100 and 120 tons burden laden with coals and other goods to Ely. These vessels return with corn and other articles to the north, Wakefield, Hull etc. By these means a prospect now opens itself of turning the navigation, the railway business, and the general transactions connected with this scheme to a far more extensive account by making Ely a port.

This perhaps may excite a smile with some parties, but oaks don't grow in a day – giant powers have days of infancy and nursery beginnings – and who can dispute the central position of Ely for an extensive and productive country? It is now generally understood that the railway directors have come to terms with the Cawdle Fen Commissioners, to make large and extensive docks at the west end of the Ely Station, extending over from 8 to 12 acres of land, with store-rooms, granaries, etc.

This can be done by a cutting to the river adjoining.

A steam engine will be erected to effectually drain the fen, and other extensive improvements must, as a matter of course follow.

Lynn and Ely Railway
At a meeting of the shareholders in this company, on Thursday last, at the London Tavern, Bishopsgate Street., the draft of a bill for a railway from Wisbech to Spalding, with a branch to Holbeach, and also of a bill for a railway from Wisbech to March, was laid before them. Mr. Lee, a proprietor, objected to the prosecution of these bills, but they were approved of by a majority of the meeting. The Chairman Mr Lacy, said the failure of the Rugby and Huntingdon bill did not at all effect the interests of This company.

Ely and Huntingdon Railway
Shortly after the above proceedings a meeting of the Ely and Huntingdon Company took place. One shareholder was present, and to this one shareholder a bill for an extension to Brampton was submitted by the Chairman, and carried unanimously.

Isle of Ely Sessions
Held on Wednesday last, before the Rev. H. Fardell, Chairman, the Rev. Dr. Peacock, Rev. Gale Townley, Algernon Peyton, H. Millars, H. Howarth, etc., R.G. Townely, J. Fryer, - Lewin, - J. Dunn Gardner, W. Layton, T. Bowker, etc., Esqrs., and Capt Smith.

One Appeal case between Vipan Esq., appellant, the Commissioners of the Middle Level, respondents – This was an appeal against the legality of a tax levied by the respondents, under the 7 & 8 Vict. C, 106.
Account of this on Page 3
No prisoners for trial from Ely.
April 18 1846
Sir H. G. Smith

The inhabitants of Ely have a nearer interest in this distinguished officer than they are probably aware of. We before stated that he was descended from the family of More, or Moore, of Bourton, which family resided for many generations at Buckingham. In the parliamentary wars the three sons of Thomas Moore, of that place, took an active and zealous part on the royal side, all holding commissions in the King's service.

The two eldest died, and the youngest, Capt Thomas Moore, having married a lady in Wiltshire, afterwards settled at Ely, where he in all probability died, and was buried in the year 1662. His only son, who was in the law, resided for some time at Haddenham, (where also his father must have lived, as one of his children was baptized there, and another buried), and from thence went to Whittlesea. The mother of Sir Harry Smith was a daughter of the Rev. George Moore, and cousin of the late Rev. Thomas Moore, in whom the family which was one of the most ancient in the kingdom, became extinct; the last of the name, an aunt of Sir Harry's died a few months ago. Two of his ancestors served the office of High Sheriff for the county of Cambridge, Thos. Wiseman of Eastrea Hall, Whittlesea, in 1678, and Thomas Ground Esq., Whittlesea, about 1780.

Whitehall April 9th
The Queen has been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the great Seal for granting the dignity of a Baronet of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland unto Major General Sir Henry George Wakelyn Smith, of Aliwal North in South Africa, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, and to the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten.

The following is the result of the Triennial Lettings of the Banks, Forelands, Lands and Fisheries of the Corporation, at the Shire Hall, at Ely, on Tuesday 17th and at Whittlesey Wednesday 18th March last.

	£	S	D	£	S	D
Banks, Forelands, etc., at Ely in 1843	1356	2	6			
Ditto at Whittlesea, in 1843	338	12	6			
				1694	15	0
Banks, Forelands, etc., at Ely in 1846	1838	12	0			
Banks, Forelands at Whittlesea, in 1846	366	17	6			
				2205	10	6
Excess of Rental in 1846 over 1843				510	15	6
Mr Woodward's Valuation of Banks and Forelands, at Ely in 1846	1659	10	0			
Ditto at Whittlesea, in 1846	337	0	0			
				1996	10	0
Excess of Lettings beyond Mr Woodward's Valuation, for 1846				157	18	6

N.B. The above includes the Land in Whittlesea still valet, but will produce the estimated value.
Saml. Wells. Register
Fen Office, Ely, April 13th 1846.

April 25 1846

On Friday evening last, a very novel and interesting scene took place at the Ely Railway Station; the small or Eastern dock, as we expect it will be called, when the large and western one is carried into effect, was opened, and a convenient drawbridge completed over the cutting through the South Level Bank to the river Ouse, just below Ely Bridge. Three keels laden with coals and other goods were soon observed to skim along, with swelling sails, and flags flying in the breeze. Two of these vessels belonged to Messrs. Cross and Sons, merchants, Ely, and the other to Mr. P. Smith,

merchant, Fordham. They were soon safely harboured and along side the Quay, amid firing of guns and the stirring sounds of music.

Groups of the inhabitants of all classes were seen wending their steps to the point of attraction, and several persons were heard to exclaim, "What will the quiet old city of Ely come it?" Two of the vessels were cleared out and off by the next morning. Store rooms and sheds are to be immediately erected.

In a business sense it must be apparent to all persons acquainted with increase of sales and trade done at Ely in corn, cattle, and general merchandise, that the term Ely a Port, is justly and properly applied, and in our opinion a very short period will prove it. The South Level Commissioners will only consult their own interest by deepening the gravels from Ely to Lynn, by which means they will keep up the navigation and secure the tolls.

Sudden Death
Died, on Friday evening last, Mr Robt. Aungier, of Ely, landlord of the "Round of Beef" public house aged 73 years. Poor Aungier was a harmless king-hearted man, and passionately fond of music; he had been at the opening of the new dock, and to several of his friends expressed himself highly delighted, and that he was never in better health.

Between 9 and 10 o'clock he left Mr. P. Rickwood's in company with a neighbour, in perfect health – he had no sooner stepped into his room than he staggered and fell, only exclaiming, "Where am I?" A surgeon was sent for, and arrived immediately, but his soul had fled.

A jury was summoned next morning. Verdict – Died by the visitation of God.

May 2 1846
Ely Cathedral
Another very handsome new stained glass window has been put in the north transept during the week, the munificent gift of our excellent Prebendary the Rev. E. B. Sparke. The subjects are the stoning of St. Stephen and the conversion of St Paul.

Also, within the last few days, the interior of the great western tower has been thrown open, restoring much beautiful work, and workmen are now employed in removing stone work, to shew the splendid zig-zag mouldings of the original arches that support the tower.

Thunder Storm
On Saturday last, a single flash of lightening, accompanied by a loud peal of thunder, broke from a dark cloud which hung over the village of Downham, and struck the house of Mr. Richard Cornwell, taking down a chimney, the slate of the house, and breaking a window. Fortunately the inmates of the house escaped unhurt.

Accident
On Monday evening, a man named Money, in the employ of Mr. Grainger, of Stretham, was driving a cart laden with oil-cake, from Ely to the Fordey farm, when at Stuntney, he called at the public house for some beer, from which he had not proceeded far when his foot slipped from the shafts, upon which he was riding, and the wheel passed over his body, from the effects of which he shortly died.

Discovery of a Plesiosaurus.
On the estate of W. Layton Esq., Woodhouse, near Ely, in the railway cutting, now in progress to March and Peterborough, through the highest part of the hill, and belted by a fenny country, about five feet from the surface, have been found the fossil remains of the above creature of the old world. The workmen, in their ignorance of this treasure, broke to pieces and dispersed the head, neck, and trunk, but one of the paddles and about ten feet of the tail will, it is expected, be tolerably perfect, and are now in the possession of Mr. Jones. The entire length is supposed to have been from twenty-five to thirty feet. Professor Sedgiwick of Cambridge has been to Ely and inspected the interesting discovery.

Mantell says "This reptile combines in its structure the head of a lizard, with teeth like those of a crocodile, a neck resembling the body of a serpent, a trunk and tail of the proportions of those of a quadraped, with paddles like those of a turtle.

May 9 1846

The Lynn and Ely line, now in the course of formation, appears to be going on with considerable spirit.

Not more than a month has elapsed, since the first sod was raised, and now for fifteen miles, the earth has been thrown up to its proper level, and the excavations for the foundations of the bridges are in operation. At the same rate of movement, a few short months will witness its completion.

Ante - Diluvian Remains
We inserted last week an account of a discovery near Ely of the remains of one of those great monsters of the deep, which geologists inform us existed ages and ages before man was formed. Since then we have been favoured with some further particulars by our fellow-townsman, Mr. Deck, who has visited the spot where the discovery was made, and inspected the remains. They were found in excavating in the line of the Peterboro' and Ely railroad about two miles from the latter city, on the estate of W. Layton, Eq., Woodhouse, embedded in Kimmerage clay, and covered by about eight feet of diluvial debris. Unfortunately the monster lay across the cutting and the consequence was that a large portion of the head neck and body was disinterred and moved off to form the basis of an embankment before the workmen were aware of the treasure they had brought to light. By the indefatigable exertions of Mr. Jones, surgeon, of Ely, the phalanges and appendages of nearly four of the paddles were carefully removed; also a large portion of the tail, which lay out of the line of cutting. These have been put together, and form a good outline of what the creature once was.

The tail is upwards of nine feet long, and the inference therefrom is that the monster was originally upwards of thirty feet in length. A very beautiful specimen of part of the upper and lower jaws of an Ichthyosaurus, with the teeth exhibiting the peculiar dentition of this extraordinary creature, has also been discovered near the same spot, as well as numerous detached specimens of vertebrae, and osseous remains of saurians and cetaceous animals.

May 16 1846

Marriage – on the 13th instant, at Trinity Church, Milton, Kent, (by the Rev. Dr. James, vicar of Gravesend), Robert Andrews, watchmaker, of Ely, to Catherine Ann White, niece to Mrs Laxton, of the Black Bear Inn, Market Street, of this town.

Accident on the Railway at Ely
On Friday morning, the 8th instant, an accident happened on the railway, near the first lodge towards Cambridge, by which a poor woman, the wife of one of the gatekeepers, lost her life.

It appears she was holding up the signal flag, in the absence of her husband; and as one of her children was approaching the spot where the train was coming, she leaned forward to guard the child from danger, in doing which she was knocked down and killed on the spot.

Turnpike Road - leading from the Lamb corner, in Ely, to the Chequer Corner in Downham, in the county of Norfolk, called "The North District".

In pursuance of a Requisition from two of the Trustees of the said Turnpike road, Notice is hereby given, that a Meeting of the said Trustees will be holden at the Bell Inn, in Ely, aforesaid, on Wednesday 17th June next, at eleven o'clock in the Forenoon, for the purpose of Letting the Tolls arising at Fordham Turnpike Gate, together with the Toll-house belonging thereto and on general business.
Dated this 15th day of May 1846
H. R. Evans and Son, Clerks.

May 23 1846

Marriages

Lately in Londo, at St Martins-in-the-Fields, (by the Rev. Septimus F. Ramsey), Wm. Harlock, jun., Esq., eldest son of the late John Harlock, Esq., of Ely, to Elizabeth, second daughter of Mr. John Armstead, of the same place.

On the 5th instant, at St Mary's church, Ely (by the Rev. S. Smith) Mr H. T. Pate, chemist, to Susan Page, third daughter of the late Mr H. Wilks, of the former place.

Deaths

At Ely on the 14th instant, aged 60 years William Apsey, Esq.

On the 18th instant, Ann, third daughter of Mr. Wm. Barnard, carpenter and Builder, Ely.

On the 19th instant, aged 68 years, Mr Jonathan Talbot.

May 30 1846

Death – on the 25th instant, at Ely, in the 2nd year of his age, John, second son of Mr. J. P. Lawrence, solicitor of this town.

Ely Union

Bread and Flour Contracts

The Board of Guardians of the above Union, give notice, that they will, at their Weekly Meeting at the Union Workhouse in Ely, on Thursday 4th June next, receive Tenders for supplying the said Workhouse and the Out-door Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief Districts with the following articles, from the 18th June to 16th September next.
Good Thirds Flour, at per stone.
Good Bread, made of the same quality of flour (24 hours old) at per 4lb loaf.
Good Beef (without bone) Mutton and Suet at per stone.
To be delivered at the said Workhouse at such times and in such quantities as the Board of Guardians shall order, and to be supplied to the Paupers in every parish, in such quantities as shall be expressed in tickets issued by the Relieving Officer.

N.B. Each Tender must be for supplying One Relief District at least.

Sealed Tenders to be left at my office, the day previous to the meeting otherwise they will not be received, and samples must be produced at the Board.

The Relieving Officers have strict orders to settle with the contractors every week for Goods ordered by them. Contractors to give such security for the performance of their contract as the Board may require, but the Guardians do not pledge themselves to accept the lowest, of any of the tenders.
By Order of the Board
William Marshall. Clerk.

May 30 1846
Ely
We understand that Professor Owen, the British Curier, has promised a visit to Ely, to inspect the highly interesting fossil remains which have recently been found in excavating for the Peterboro' Railway, and which are now in the possession of Dr. Stevens.
June 6 1846
Deaths
At Bedford on Friday last, aged 57 years, Mr John Cross, the eldest partner of the firm of Cross and Sons, Merchants, Ely.

At Downham, nr. Ely, Mr John Few, aged 78 years, an opulent farmer in that neighbourhood.

Accident
On Tuesday evening last an inquest was held at the Angel Inn, Ely, before William Marshall, gent, Coroner, on the body of James Daffey aged 27 years, a porter, engaged on the Northern and Eastern Railway, at Ely, who, after the arrival of the half-past one o'clock up-train, was endeavouring to couple a carriage, truck and horse-box, and was by the rebounding of the same squeezed between the buffers. Medical assistance was immediately afforded the sufferer, but he died about half an hour after the accident. Verdict accidental death.

Ely Petty Sessions
Before Dr. French and Wm. Layton Esq.,

Jonathan Cross, was summoned to answer the complaint of Mr. Wm. Harlock, jun., the surveyor of Highways, of the Parish of Holy Trinity, Ely, for placing a quantity of manure on the highway, called the Waterside, in Ely, whereby such highway was obstructed for which offence he had forfeited 40s.

Mr Cockerell (Clerk to Mr Cooper) appeared for the defendant.

Mr Harlock stated that the practice of laying muck and manure by the waterside, on the quay, had become quite a nuisance, and at the request of the inhabitants there he had laid this information.

On cross examination he admitted that to his knowledge the manure did not lay in the quay for more than ten minutes or a quarter of an hour, and that it was carted there by the defendant for the purpose of being put on board a lighter.

Mr Cockerell submitted that the defendant had committed no offence on the meaning of the Act of Parliament. It was true that the spot in question was a highway but it was also a quay, and the use of the highway was subservient to the use of the quay. There was no proof that the manure remained there for an unreasonable time, but on the contrary it appeared that a very short period elapsed between its being carted there and being put on board the lighter. It this were held to be an obstruction, there would be an end to the use of the quay.

Mr Harlock said that the smell was very offensive although it only remained there a short time.

Mr Cockerell said that the magistrates could not convict the defendant on that account, the question was to determine whether it was an obstruction or not, the only way of abating the nuisance if there were any, was by indictment.

The room was cleared, and on the readmission of the parties the magistrates said, that they were very willing and anxious to put a stop to any nuisance or obstruction which could be proved, but they were of opinion that Mr Harlock had not shown that the manure had remained for an unreasonable time, and the summons must therefore be dismissed.

June 13 1846
Ely Corn Exchange and Poultry Market
On Wednesday last the Committee met to receive tenders for the erection of this building. Eight were given, varying from £1,500 to £1,920. That of Mr. Oates, of Cambridge, being the lowest was accepted. The building is to be completed by 11th October next.

Excursion Train.
The Eastern Counties have at last advertised an excursion train to Yarmouth, for the 20th instant, at a very reasonable fare, returnable until the 23rd, which no doubt will "take". From what we hear, a large number of respectable inhabitants of Ely will avail themselves of this opportunity, and we shall be disappointed if we do not see on Saturday the 20th, the longest train that has yet appeared on this line, but without stock trucks.

June 20 1846
Lynn and Ely Railway Company
Is ready to receive tenders for Loans of Money in sums of not les than £200 each, for which the Company's Bonds will be given with interest at the rate of £5 per cent payable half-yearly, the principal payable in three, five, or seven years, at the option of the lender.

The Tenders must express the sums and terms of years for which the money is proposed to be advanced, and must be addressed to the Secretary, at the Offices of the Company, Lynn, Norfolk.
Signed Wm. Browne Folkes, Chairman
W. W. Williams, Secretary.
June 27 1846
Accident
On Thursday week Mr Ellworthy, jun., son of the carpenter of the railway works, at Ely, made an attempt to spring from the platform at the station into one of the carriages when the train was proceeding at a rate of about six miles an hour; in doing which his foot slipped and he fell backwards, his head upon the next rail and his knee across the rail on which the train was passing. He had the presence of mind to snatch his trousers, which brought his knee three or four inches back; but so near was he by his temerity of losing his life, that the carriages tore the cloth from the knee of his trousers to shatters. He escaped however, unhurt, excepting a few bruises, which required the attention of a medical man.
July 4 1846
July 11 1846
Marriage – On Tuesday last, at Haddenham, Isle of Ely, (by the Rev. Alfred W. Ivatt) Robert, son of the late Robert Ivatt, Esq., of Cottenham, to Frances, daughter of the late Mr Robert Pate, of Haddenham.

July 18 1846
Choice Wines and Spirits. Ely
To Be Sold by Auction by George Legge
On the premises of the late Miss Agnes Waddington, St Mary's Street, Ely, on Monday 20th July at four o'clock.
About Twenty Dozen fine old Port,
four dozen fine flavoured sherry, 1817
five dozen Madeira, 1815
four dozen Hock, 1834
several dozens of Grape Elder, and Raisin Wine;
15 bottles of Calcavalla, 1797,-
11 bottles of splendid old white Rum;
about 3 dozen of Brandy, etc., etc.

Catalogues may be had of the Auctioneer, at his office, in High Street, Ely.

Downham Fen, near Ely
Capital Fen Land
By George Legge
At the Club Inn, in Downham, on Wednesday 22nd July 1846, at seven o'clock in the evening; subject to such conditions as shall be then and there produced:
Twelve Acres (more or less) of capital Fen Land, lying in Downham, abutting upon Little Drove towards the north, and lying between lands of Mr Upsher and Mrs Martin; numbered in the Littleport and Downham District Lot Book, "82"
Copyhold of the Manor of Downham
For further particulars enquire of Messrs Evans and Son, or of the Auctioneer.

Cawdle Fen and Padnal, in Ely
Valuable Land
To Be Sold by Auction, by George Legge
At the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 23rd July, 1846,
at seven o'clock in the evening,
subject to such conditions as will be then and there produced.
Lot 1. All those Eight Acres of valuable land, in Cawdle Fen, in Ely, abutting on Cawdle Fen Drove west, land of Mrs Green south and east, and land of Mr Cropley north, now in occupation of Mr John Atkin.
Lot 2. Six Acres and Two Roods (more or less) of Land, in Padnal, in Ely, abutting on the new road by the side of the Railway south, the leading ditch north, land of Mr Thomas Day east, and land of Mr. W. Haylock (late Woodbines) west, now in the occupation of Mr Human.
Lot 3. A piece of land, divided from the last lot by the new road, and railway, containing one acre (more or less), abutting on the Prickwillow road south.

Lots 2 and 3 are Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Porta.

Possession of Lot 1 may be had at Michaelmas next.

For further particulars enquire of Messrs Evans and Son, Solicitors, or of the Auctioneer, Ely
July 25 1846
August 1 1846
Price of Bread
Great and we think reasonable complaints are made at the high price of bread and flour, which is now 2s 3d and 2s 1d per stone, whilst the average price of wheat is about 21s. Why the poor man should not have the advantage of the low price of grain, is a matter of great complaint, and will, if continued, create a great evil, by farmers grinding their own corn, and retailing it out to their labourers; already has one large farmer bought a quantity of flour, and is selling it at cost price to his labourers, who are grateful for his kind consideration.

Policy and humanity demand if the price of labour is affected by the price of corn, that the price of corn and flour should be of the same relative value, which has always been considered for the seconds flour 1d in the shilling, that is, when wheat sells for 21s, flour ought to be 1s 9d the stone; and if the thing does not speedily right itself, as e understand it is not confined to this locality, legislative interference must be demanded.

Fire
On Monday last, about eleven o'clock in the morning, a cottage in the occupation of Robert Newell, on Bugs Hill, Ely, was discovered to be on fie by the wife on opening the stair-foot door; an alarm was given when a bricklayer ran upstairs, the room being so full of smoke that he was unable to see

his way, but by a commendable perseverance he groped about the room until he found the bed out of which he snatched a child aged about 6 months, unfortunately he was too late to save its life as every attempt to restore it proved abortive.

In the evening an inquest was held, but all were at a loss to conjecture how the fire occurred. Verdict – found suffocated.

August 8 1846

Fatal Accident

On Sunday morning last, Edward Poole, a brickmaker, in the employ of Messrs. Hall, very hard of hearing, was looking over the cottage erecting at the junction of the Peterboro' line, he stepped between the rails to look at the outside, as the down half-past 7 o'clock train was passing. The engine driver saw him and endeavoured to make him hear the whistle, but in vain, and the engine knocked him down and almost cut him in two; the poor fellow's death must have been instantaneous.

Caution to Publicans

On Thursday last, Mrs Crow, landlady of the George and Dragon, Littleport, was fined by the Justices 50s for refusing accommodation to a soldier billeted upon her.

August 15 1846

Death – on the 6th instant, at Ely, aged 1 month, Henry, the infant son of Mr. C. M. Bidwell.

The Harvest

Considerable quantities of wheat have been carried, and the continuance of a few fine days, will no doubt see the harvest completed.

Beast Fair

The annual fair took place as usual on the 10th instant, and was not so well attended as on former occasions, nor was the stock so numerous.

Wanton Cruelty

On Wednesday last, a gypsy of the name of Alfred Herring was committed to the New Prison for 14 days, for cruelly beating and torturing a pony his own property.

August 22 1846

Ely, Desirable Residence

To be let by Private Contract, at a very moderate rent, and entered upon immediately, a most desirable ready-furnished Residence situate on the Palace Green, in Ely, with large and handsome lawn, pleasure garden, and excellent kitchen garden attached, late in the occupation of Mrs Agnes Waddington deceased.

Further particulars may be had, and a view of the premises obtained on application to Messrs. Evans and Son, Solicitors, Ely

Restoration of Ely Cathedral

Considerable interest has of late prevailed at the vast alterations and improvements in the interior of Ely Cathedral. Since the accession of the present Dean more than 40 windows have been opened and restored; the heavy combination of plaster and wood-work which concealed the ruined tomb of Cardinal Lindenbergh, as also the beautiful tabernacle work of Bishop Alcock and a considerable portion of the noble windows on the east, has been removed. The tomb of the Cardinal has been completely restored, and other works are in comtemplation at this part of the cathedral, which will

make it more accordant with the magnificence of the rest of the choir. The whole of the vaulting of the nave and side aisles of the east of the great lantern, which was covered with plaster and white and yellow wash, has been carefully scraped off and cleaned; and the vaulting a great part of which was filled with bricks and rubbish, or in a state of decay, has been completely restored. The Purbeck marble shafts of the trifolium and clerestory which were disfigured over with paint, have been repolished with great labour, as also the great marble piers, the corbeils and string courses, the decayed and broken portions replaced by new marble procured from the Purbeck quarries. The restorations are supposed to be preparatory to an extension of the choir as far as the great lantern, and to an entire change in its arrangements. The tomb of Bishop Alcock which was in a state of ruin, has been restored, and the chapel itself cleaned and partially restored, chiefly at the expense of the Master and Fellows of Jesus College, of which he was a founder. The most important of the new restorations are those which have been made at the west end of the Church, which Bishop Riddell erected at the close of the 12th Century. The northern portion had fallen down and the southern had been left in a ruinous and dangerous state in consequence of a subsidence of the great Western tower, which is presumed to have been occasioned by the addition of the octagon portion of it at the close of the 14th century. All the windows except two, and many of the arches of the transept were closed up with rubble-work and masonry. One of its principal piers, and a large portion of the ashlaring and arcading were completely separated from the rest of the walls.

The crowns of all the arches were broken, and nearly every portion of it was in a state of ruin and dilapidation.

The whole of this noble work has been completely restored and opened to the church. It is proposed to add a painted ceiling, of a character appropriate to the age, for which the designs are already prepared. The great western Tower, after the subsidence to which we have referred, was considered in so dangerous a state that Bishop Gray, about the year 1460 underbuilt the whole of it with new and perfect masonry, concealing the whole of the piers and arches of Bishop Riddell; the dilapidations of the upper part of the tower had become so extensive during the Commonwealth that immediately after the restoration it was considered necessary to introduce braces, strong framings of timber, and to close up nearly all the windows with masonry; most of this was done ignorantly and injudiciously, and the decay of the timber work, which was exposed to the weather had made the framing not merely useless but injurious. About the year 1800 Bishop Yorke removed an unsightly belfry, which occupied the lower part of the tower, and added a plaster vault, the springings of which had been prepared by Bishop Gray. By the recent alterations this vault has been removed, the clock and bells removed to the upper story, the ceiling of the lantern of the tower has been replaced in its original position, and all the lower portions of the timber framing, which was acting most injuriously, have been removed, and all the windows opened and restored. The original arches of Bishop Riddell have also been sufficiently opened and exposed to show their form and character. Nothing can be finer than the effect produced by the noble lantern. It is proposed to restore the ancient chapel of St. Catherine, which opens into the newly restored transept, as soon as the requisite funds can be provided. At the east end of the Cathedral the southern pinnacle, which was never finished, is in the process of erection at the expense of Mr. Hope. The beautiful eastern cross and the crockets, which it is proposed to put on the gable, are to be restored at the expense of Lady Mildred Hope.

At the accession of the present Dean, the beautiful chapel of Prior Crauden was occupied by bedrooms attached to one of the prebendal houses, and was almost entirely concealed by domestic offices of the meanest character

The present Dean to whom it belongs, has recovered it from the ignoble uses to which it has been applied, nearly all the buildings by which it was surrounded have been removed, the interior has been cleaned, and the building restored, as nearly as possible, to is original condition.

Two beautiful painted windows have been placed in the cathedral the gift of the Rev. Edward Sparke. The first is one of the great windows in the lantern; the second is in the north Transept. The

Bachelors and Undergraduates of the University of Cambridge have, in the most liberal and noble spirit, undertaken to fill a second of the great lantern windows in a similar manner, and we have reason to hope that other benefactors will follow in the same path. The filling of the eight lancet windows in the east end of the choir has been provided for by the munificent bequest of £1,500 by the late Bishop Sparke; the designs for this purpose, which have been repeatedly under consideration, are now in the course of construction at Newcastle. It should not be omitted, that the deans and canons have no funds appropriated to the repairs of the cathedral, and that the expense of the restorations and they are considerable, have been defrayed, where not provided for by individual benefaction, at their own expense.

August 29 1846

Death – On Thursday last, aged 90 years, Phoebe, widow of the late Mr Cross, farmer, of Witchford.

Housebreaking

On Sunday night, some thieves broke into the dwelling house of H. Lawrence, Esq., but not being able to get further than the back-kitchen, in which was nothing worth their carrying away, they decamped.

On the same night an attempt was also made to break into the house of W. and H. Rayner Esqs., but after breaking the slats of the window, they found the blacksmith had made the entrance too difficult for them safely to go further, and it would appear they afterwards paid a visit to the house of Mr Lawrence Haylock where they were more successful, they broke open the shutters of the keeping-room and ransacked the drawers, but decamped, (it being supposed they were disturbed by Mrs Haylock getting out in the night,) carrying with them only two pairs of candlesticks, two flannel waistcoats, and some new flannel.

These gentlemen do not enjoy the protection afforded by gas lights, and it is not surprising these daring midnight depredators should choose dark corners of the earth to carry out their desperate and alarming projects, which might probably end in bloodshed should they be detected in their violent proceedings.

The Potatoe Crop

During the last fortnight the potato crop throughout the fens has been discovered to be very extensively deseased; we speak within bounds when we say three fourths of the potatoes are unfit for human foods; plants that looked healthy and promising one day have on the following day been discovered to be blighted, and on examination of the roots to be affected. Parties buy the bad potatoes and use them without any apparent bad consequence in fattening pigs.

September 5 1846

Pig-Killing Extraordinary

A singular match will take place at Ely on Wednesday next, between two butchers, Thomas Sharman, of Ely, and Samuel Hall of Magdalene Street, Cambridge. They have engaged to dress two nine stone pigs each for £20 a-side, he who accomplishes his task in the shortest time and in the best style to be the winner.

Two umpires are to be appointed, and a referee if necessary. Sharman gives Hall £1 for his expenses to Ely. Bets are 2 to 1 on Sharman, and are freely taken. Hall performed an extraordinary feat of this kind a short time since, which was duly chronicled.

Ely September 2nd

On Friday last, the Board of Bedford Level Corporation met at the Fen Office, Ely, and afterwards, in company with Mr Peto and some other influential fen proprietors, proceeded by rail to view the

works in progress through the Fens to Peterboro', including the bridges over the Hundred Feet river, the Old Bedford Wash etc.

The Wash, we understand, continues at present to settle, but like the Norfolk line through a portion of the fen no doubt, after a short period, will become the best part of the line, when the ballast reaches the clay.

It is now generally acknowledged that the fen line is equal to any railway in England for ease and comfort in travelling. Mr. Peto, with his accustomed liberality invited all the party to a complimentary dinner, at which he most ably filled the chair, while he had the excellent support of Samuel Wells, Esq., Registrar to the Corporation, as his vice-president.

Ely Union Contracts

The Board of Guardians of the above Union, give notice, that they will, at their Weekly Meeting at the Union Workhouse in Ely, on Thursday, 10th September instant receive tenders for supplying the said Workhouse and the Out-door Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief Districts with Bread, Flour, Beef, Mutton and Suet.

Provisions etc., and Clothing from 17th instant to 16th December next.

September 12 1846

Fatal Accident

A man was attempting to get upon the rail at Stonea, as the carriages were going on; he missed his hold, and fell, and his head was taken off by the wagon passing over him.

Fire at Benwick

On Sunday evening last, considerable alarm was caused at Benwick and the neighbourhood by a fire breaking out in a haulm stack of Mr. Joseph Shepersons's, White Fen: fortunately the flames were confined to the haulm stack, there being no wind at the time, or it is most probable that another haulm and a large stack of wheat would have been consumed also. The Doddington engines speedily arrived within about a mile of the spot, but upon discovering the nature of the fire, and that their services were unnecessary, they did not go further. It appears that on Tuesday, the 1st instant one of Mr. Sheperson's labourers returning from dinner smoking, very carelessly placed the lighted pipe in his waistcoat pocket, and threw it on the side of a large haulm stack, which soon became ignited, and was burnt to the ground. On the following Thursday, Mr. Sheperson ordered his men to get up some more haulm, a large stack was placed in the old spot, and the men thoughtlessly neglecting to examine the rubbish, which it now appears contained burning ashes, and about ten o'clock on Sunday evening the result was its bursting into flames. The man who fired the first by his pipe has made a vow he will never smoke again; it is to be hoped many others will do the same.

September 19 1846

Death on Monday last, aged 76, Mr William Rayner, many years Governor of the Ely Trinity Workhouse, and since one of the bedesmen of Ely Cathedral.

William and Richard Sindall, of Ely, were apprehended at four o'clock on Sunday, by the railway authorities, under the Act of Parliament, and taken next morning before the Rev. George Millers, and fined £5 each for trespassing on the line. In default of payment they were committed to prison. This example was highly necessary to prevent accidents.

Pig Killing

On Wednesday last, a strong muster of Knights of the Cleaver took place at Ely, to see a match come off between Hall, of Cambridge, and Thomas Shearman, of Ely, for £15 a side, he who could scald, dress, and clean two 10 stone pigs in the best style in the shortest space of time to be declared

the winner. An umpire having been appointed, and arrangements completed, Hall won the toss for the choice of pigs. Shearman then put to work the knife and steel in a good workmanlike and expert manner, accomplishing his work in the short space of 15 minutes and 10 seconds. Hall then went to work, but was less fortunate than his competitor, not being able to finish his task in less than 21 minutes. Of course Shearmen was declared the winner, much to the annoyance of many of Hall's friends, who were sanguine of his success.

Light Weights and Deficient Measures

"A false balance is abomination to the Lord, but a just weight is his delight." On Thursday last, on the information of Mr John Bacon, inspector of weights and measures, the following parties were convicted before the Rev. George Millers, the Rev. S. Banks, and William Layton Esq., of having in their possession light and unjust weights and measures; doubtless some of the cases arose from negligence; others were cases of fraud upon the public, worse in a moral view than that of the man who plunders for the satisfying his appetite or a starving family.

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James Jessup, Littleport (including costs)		16	6
Frederick Griffin, ditto		16	6
John Wiffen, ditto	1	3	0
John Dennis, ditto (Third conviction)	1	11	6
John Gifford, ditto	2	4	0
Robert Casburn, Downham	1	11	6
Cole Bayes, ditto	2	1	6
Francis Cornwell, Downham	1	11	6
William Miller, ditto	1	14	0
Adam Lyon, ditto	2	3	0
Richard Seymour, ditto	1	8	6
Rebecca Wallis, Witchford	2	11	6
John Laxton, Sutton	2	3	0
Philip Longhorn, Mepal	1	3	0
Ditto for false balances		19	0
John Walker, Coveney		17	0
William Stirkins, ditto		13	6
Elizabeth Freeman, Haddenham		18	6
John Brittain, ditto	1	3	6
Thomas Phillips, Stretham	2	11	0

We understand there are at this time upwards of 3000 labourers engaged at work between Peterboro' and Ely. The line is in a state of considerable forwardness. Several persons from Whittlesea and the neighbourhood came by the engine to market on Saturday last.

October 3 1846

Appointment

The Rev. George Maddison, vicar of All Saints, Cambridge, has been appointed a Surrogate for the Archdeaconry of Ely.

Isle of Ely

Notice is hereby given, that Thomas Sanders Esq., the Barrister appointed to Revise the Lists of Voters in the election of Knights of the Shire for the County of Cambridge, has appointed Courts to be held for the Revision of such lists, so far as respects the Isle of Ely, at the places and times after mentioned.

At the Sessions House in the City of Ely on Friday, 9th October, next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon for revising the said lists for Downham, Saint Mary in Ely, the Holy Trinity in Ely, Littleport, in the Hundred of Ely, Coveney, Haddenham, Mepal, Stretham, Sutton, Thetford, Wentworth, Wilburton, Witcham, Witchford, in the south part of the Hundred of Witchford.

Chatteris, Manea, Welches Dam, in the North part of the Hundred of Witchford.

And for all other Parishes, Hamlets or Places, in the said Isle (if any) not hereinfore enumerated.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace, for the Isle of Ely.

Tenders for Coals
The Commissioners for the Drainage of Middle Fen District are ready to receive Tenders for the supply of Three Hundred Tons, either of the best Cawber Hall or Blythe Coals, of which one half are to be delivered into the yard of their Steam engine at Prickwillow, near Ely, within the month of January next. There is a good navigation from Wisbech and Lynn to Prickwillow.

Persons desirous of contracting for the Coals are requested to transmit Tenders in writing to Messrs. T. & G. Archer, of Ely, the Clerks to the Commissioners before or on 15th October next.
October 10 1846
Isle of Ely
Notice is hereby given that, the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at the Sessions House, in Ely, on Wednesday 21st October instant at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, at which hour the chair will be taken; and all jurors, constables, and persons bound by recognizance, and others having occasion to attend are required to give their attendance accordingly.

And notice is also hereby given that the business relating to the Constabulary Force of the Isle, and laying a Police-rate towards defraying the expences of the said Force, will commence and be proceeded in immediately after the Grand Jury are sworn and charged, and after such business is disposed of the business relating to the assessment, application, or management of the Isle Stock or Rate, will commence and be done and transacted in open court.
Hugh Jackson,
Clerk of the Peace

Lynn and Ely Railway
The first experimental trip on the Lynn and Ely Railway was performed on Friday from Lynn to Downham. The train conveyed a number of the directors and their friends. It is expected that the line will be opened for traffic in a few weeks.

The Corn Market
A great increase has taken place in the quantity of business transacted in Ely market. During the past month, September, 9,185 quarters of wheat, realising a sum of £22,668, have been sold, whilst in the corresponding month last year, only 1,707 quarters, producing £4,252, were sold; and in the month of October, which is perhaps a fairer one to compare with, only 2,984 quarters, yielding £8,188. These are gratifying facts to those who, through all difficulties, and notwithstanding the faint-heartedness of some individuals, have succeeded in erecting the Corn Exchange; and when the Peterboro' Railway is opened, which is expected to take place simultaneously with the Corn Exchange in October, a still greater increase may be fairly anticipated.

Two men, calling themselves letter-press printers, and giving their names as Edmund Palmer and Robert Dixon, have been committed to Ely Goal, charged with obtaining money by means of begging letters, which represented them to be out of work owing to their employers premises at Boston being blown up by an explosion of gas, and on their way to Royston, in Herts. The same parties were imprison in Preston gaol in December last, for a similar offence.

They then represented themselves as comb-makers, bound for Liverpool. On them were found papers of routes and calling places, with cautionary observations.

On Sunday night last, about 1 o'clock, a fire broke out on the premises of Mr John Cole, of Witchford, and consumed seven stacks of corn. Not being able to get water, no effort could be made to put out the fire, which was occasioned doubtless by the act of some vile incendiary, who by his cowardly and abominable deeds adds to the scarcity of food, which is already being felt in consequence of the high price of provisions. If we may judge from the tone of feeling expressed by the inhabitants of the neighbourhood, we should not be surprised to see the wicked fellow who occasions so much mischief cast into the flame he maliciously creates, should he be caught at his damnable work.

October 17 1846
Burnt Fen District
Notice is hereby given, that a General Half-yearly meeting of the Commissioners acting in execution of the Acts of Parliament now in force for the Drainage of the above District, will be held by Adjournment at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Thursday, the Twenty-second day of October instant, at Twelve o'clock at noon.
T & G Archer,
Clerks to the Commissioners.

October 24 1846
Ely
To Be Let, for a term of years
Situated near the Town of Ely
A Powerful Brick Wind-mill, with three pair of 4½ feet French Stones, Sacks, and Gear, all in good condition, capable of doing an extensive business, particularly as the Railroad will give facilities north, east, south, and west, for conveyance of the Goods.

Also a convenient House for the Miller, and likewise a New built House in the heart of the town of Ely, with a good Bake Office.
Enquire of Mr Henry Lawrence
Ely, October 22nd, 1846

October 31 1846
The Fair
At this annual mart yesterday from 300 to 400 head of cow stock were exhibited for sale, many realising high prices and altogether much business was done. But few horses, and those of an inferior sort, were brought for sale. The pleasure fair, has, (much to the comfort of the inhabitants residing in and near the market place,) been removed to the new cattle-market, and we never before remember so many stalls and booths, nor so many visitors; all parties agree that the change is a great improvement.

The Corn Market

As this market has lately so much increased and bids fair to be one of if not the largest in this district, we shall for the future insert the weekly corn returns. This improvement may be set down as one of the advantages of the railway, the facilities of which we frequently hear enables the farmers to get 1s per quarter more at Ely than they can at Wisbech, Lynn, or many of the other markets. On Monday last, one thousand sacks of potatoes were forwarded from the Ely station.

Scarcity of Houses

Such is the scarcity of houses in this city that they are not to be had for love or money. Men are obliged to send their families to other places and get into any crib they can, for which they have very dearly to pay. On Wednesday night last several persons were unable to get beds in the town; one gentleman tried the town through, and being unsuccessful took the rail to Cambridge and returned in the morning. It is surprising that no one has ventured to provide accommodation for the rapidly increasing population, caused principally by the great increase of business,, especially as they are in great demand by a class of persons which would be a sufficient guarantee that the investment must be a profitable one, and as the city is intersected with large gardens, desirable and healthy situations abound. Houses which three or four years ago let for £4 and £5 are eagerly taken at rents varying from £10 to £13.

Middle Level Meeting

A detailed report of the proceedings of this important meeting, will be found on the 1st page.

October 31 1846

Lynn and Ely Railway Company v. John Platten, Esq.,

Our readers will remember that Mr. John Platten, one of the magistrates for Lynn, and a member of the town council recently appeared before the magistrates under Act 3rd and 4th Victoria, cap. 97, sec. 16, for trespassing on the Lynn and Ely railway, and refusing to quit when directed to do so by the policeman in attendance, by which he had rendered himself liable to a penalty of £5 or two month's imprisonment.

It was then alleged by Mr Platten, that as he was a shareholder, the remedy given by the above-mentioned Act was inapplicable to his case.

A case was submitted to Mr. Crompton, the barrister, and he unhesitatingly said Mr. Plattens' plea was untenable; the magistrates, however, have dismissed the case, on the ground that the railway not being completed was not a railway in the meaning of the act.

Lamp Breaking

A specious young gentleman between two and three o'clock last Saturday morning, after a day's sport and a nights' potation, sallied into the Market-place, where after loading his gun he "let-fly" at a gas lamp, for which offence he has been taken before the authorities and after receiving a well deserved lecture, paid £3.10.6d to escape durance vile.

November 7 1846

Ely Cattle Market

150 Prime Short horned Beasts

To Be Sold by Auction

By G. Legge and C. M. Bidwell

Jointly concerned herein

In the Cattle Market, Ely, precisely at 11 o'clock

On Thursday 12th November, 1846

Fifty four-year old,

One Hundred two and three years-old Steers, and some few Heifers

The property of Henry Lawrence, Esq., who has let two of his farms.

The Beasts are of the true short-horned breed, and have been carefully selected by Mr Laurence from the principal Durham markets.

The Auctioneers beg to invite the attention of Graziers and Dealers to this important sale, and to assure them that the Beasts have been in the hands of the proprietor ever since May or June last, and that they are free from the prevalent disease.

The whole will be sold without reserve.

Marriages
At Kelsale, Suffolk, on the 27th Ultimo (by the Rev. T. Brown) Mr G. Bard, of Ely, to Miss M. A. Neal, daughter of the late Mr W. Neal, farmer of Rumburgh, Suffolk.

On Thursday last, at Ely, Mr Wm. Hawkes, son of Mr. Rd. Hawkes, merchant, of Ely, to Anne Day, youngest daughter of Mr. Thos. Day, farmer, of Middle Fen nr. Ely.

Eau Brink Navigation
At a quarterly meeting of the Eau Brink Navigation, holden at the Lamb Inn, Ely, on Friday, Edward Lane Swatman, Esq., was unanimously elected Clerk. The Commissioners also passed a resolution expressive of their deep sympathy and condolement with Mrs. Lane, at her heavy affliction and bereavement.

Ely Fair
The number of Visitors to this fair has far exceeded that ever known before, and Ely fair has been what fairs in olden times used to be. Not only the pleasure seeking folks express themselves satisfied, but those with whom business is the sine qua non do not grumble. The victims of folly were rather more numerous, and many deeply lamented "the price they have paid for their whistle", and will doubtless for the future be cautious of the company they join.

One farmer, who had weathered upwards of 60 winters, having partaken of Sir John Barleycorn, left the market-room of the White Hart Inn, for more fascinating company and on his return found himself minus upwards of £70. Mr Barness of Quaney, was relieved of £15 as was also Mr Robt. Jordan, of Downham, of £12, and Mr John Wallis, of Witcham, of £6. Mrs Clarke and another female having made choice of various articles of drapery, etc., for winter clothing, when about to exchange money for goods, discovered that some unwelcome visitors had made rather more free with their purses then they wished them to be. It is supposed that a party of professionals from London came down by the rail, and it is hoped that two of them, now in Ely Gaol, will have but another journey thereon, and that on their way to Van Diemen's Land.

November 14 1846

On Saturday last two men named Levi and Chitty, who had been remanded from Thursday on a charge of robbery in the shop of Messrs Butcher and Company, High St, by picking the pocket of a customer of £3 and upwards, were brought before the Rev. the Dean and the Rev. W. Miller for examination. Mr Bays, of Cambridge, was retained for Chitty, and Levi defended himself. Mr Bays contended that upon the evidence given the prisoner Chitty could not be said to be a particips crimens, and therefore respectfully submitted that he should be discharged. The magistrates having consulted, determined upon committing Levi for trial at the next Wisbech sessions, and discharged Chitty, but at the same time said they considered there was cause of great suspicion against him.

Ely Cattle Market
The public are respectfully informed that the above market will be fitted up for the sale of fat and lean stock, on Thursday 19th November, and every succeeding Thursday.

The Market is situated at a short distance from and on the north side of the Corn Market, and is approached by good entrances from Brays lane and Newnham. There is also a footway from the corn market through the yard of the White Hart Inn. The ground appropriated to the Cattle Market will be found to be excellently adapted to the purpose and proper provision will be made for penning and securing stock.

The Market is within any easy distance of the Railway, by which stock can be forwarded by rail in time for the Smithfield Market on Fridays.

All applications in relation to the Ely Cattle Market are requested to be made to Mr. Wm. Broderick, jun., Clerk of the Ely Fairs and Market Company, Market Place, Ely.

Valuable Land Ely
To Be Sold by Auction by George Legge
On Thursday 19th instant, at the White Hart inn, in Ely, at seven o'clock in the evening (under conditions of sale then to be declared.)

Lot 1. Two acres of Land, in Caudle Fen
Lot 2. Six acres of Land, in Caudle Fen.
Lot 3. Six acres of Land in Middle Fen
Lot 4. Eleven acres and one Rood of Land, in Downham Field, Ely.
Lot 5. Five acres of Land, in the same Field.

Lots 4 and 5 are copyhold of the Manor of Ely Barton, and the other lots are copyhold of the Manor of Ely Porta.

For further information enquire of T & G. Archer, Ely.
November 21 1846
Ely Cattle Market
The new Cattle Market was opened for business for the first time on Thursday week last, and if the results of the first market may be considered indicative of its future success, it will far exceed the expectations of its most sanguine promoters. There were upwards of 200 head of beasts, besides a capital display of horses, sheep, and pigs; and it is calculated that more than £3,000 changed hands. There were many large graziers from various parts of the country, who signified their intention of regularly attending the market.

But great as was the market, it was nothing to what it will eventually become, when the various railroads are completed that are now in the course of formation at Ely. There is always an immense number of stock sent from Ely by rail to London, every week, and farmers and others having stock to dispose of will do well to try the Ely market before they consign it to the London Markets.

A very wealthy farmer at Ely had three fat beasts to dispose of; a cattle dealer bid him a price for them, which was refused: they were then sent to Smithfield; the dealer followed them, became the purchaser, and brought them back to Ely, and after paying the carriage of the animals, got them for £7 or £8 less than he had offered their owner at home.

Fossil Remains
On Saturday last, Professor Owen (the British Cuvier) and Professor Sedgwick, Woodwardian Professor of Geology, Cambridge, paid a visit to the Dean of Ely, with whom having breakfasted, they proceeded to the residence of Messrs Bard, Fisher, and Squib, to inspect their splendid collections of fossil remains, which have been greatly added to since the formation of the railway commenced in this neighbourhood, and such was the immense variety in the different collections,

that four hours were occupied in the inspection, after which they proceeded to Haddenham, the residence of the Rev. Mr. Banks, to inspect the vertebrae, ninety in number, of a plesiosaurus, which has been recently dug up at Wentworth and with it were found considerable portions of ribs and phalanges, and there is every reason to believe that, had it been made known to Mr Banks at an earlier period, the entire skeleton might have been preserved, but sufficient has been discovered to show that it must have belonged to an enormous sized animal.

Amongst the remarkable specimens in the collection was a pubic bone of a plesiosaurus measuring thirty-two inches by twenty eight; a paddle bone, not quite perfect measuring twenty-two inches by nine; as well as several bones of a small species of the saurian tribe, the teleosaurus, rarely met with.

November 28 1846

Ely November 24th

The John and Ann, Captain Miall, has arrived from Whitby, with stone, after encountering very heavy weather, and being driven twice into Scarborough, and once into the Humber.

Ely Station

The foundation piling for the New Ely Station (which will be a very extensive and magnificent building, in the Italian style of architecture) is nearly completed.

Accident

On Saturday last, as a youth, the only son of Mr. Robt. Layton, of Kettlesworth near Ely, was playing in one of the railway waggons standing by the side of the Lynn Line, by some means (being on a balance), it upset, and crushed the youth most severely.

December 5 1846

Ely Union

Bread and Flour Contracts

The Board of Guardians of the above Union, give notice, that they will, at their Week Meeting, at the Union Workhouse in Ely, on Thursday 10th December next receive Tenders for supplying the above Workhouse and the Out-door Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief Districts with the following articles, from 7th December to the 7 day of March next. Viz:-

Good Thirds Flour
Good Bread made of the same quality flour (24 hours old) at per 4lb loaf
Good Beef without bone, Mutton and Suet at per stone
Instructions same as last quarter.

Ely Market

We beg to direct the attention of our agricultural friends and persons concerned in the meat trade, to the advertisement of Ely fat stock market for next Thursday. It has been a matter of conversation during the week, and all our graziers, and there are some eminent ones intend to offer their best and to sell. Arrangements have been made with the Railway Company, who will have trucks and halters ready. Some of the largest buyers attending Smithfield, Norwich and other markets, have been invited and promise to attend.

Suspension of the Navigation of the Middle Level.

It will be seen by advertisement that the navigation of the Middle Level will be suspended from the twenty-first day of December instant until further notice.

December 12 1846
Ely
Most Desirable Freehold Mansion
To Be Sold by Auction (by George Legge)
At the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 31st December instant at five o'clock in the evening, subject to such conditions of sale as will then be produced, in one lot.
A Valuable and Excellent Freehold estate
Comprising a substantial and desirable Family Mansion, late the residence of Miss Agnes Waddington deceased, with suitable offices and outbuildings, walled in pleasure and Kitchen Gardens, and extensive premises covering an area of 1A. 3R, most delightfully situate on the Palace Green, in the city of Ely, and having a frontage next the green of nearly 250 feet, and next St Mary's Street of nearly 300 feet.

The above Estate is all Freehold and presents advantages on that account, as Building ground, very rarely to be met with in the city of Ely.

Further particulars may be had from Messrs. Evans & Son, Solicitors, and the Premises may be viewed.

Middle Level Drainage
At a general meeting of the Commissioners and proprietors held by adjournment at the George Inn, in Chatteris, in the Isle of Ely, on Tuesday last, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of examining the years' accounts, and appointing auditors, if necessary and other offices.

December 19 1846
Palace Green Ely
Valuable Household Furniture
Glass, China, Earthernware, Grand Piano-forte,
Chariot, phantom, Greenhouse, Plants
Brewing utensils and Effects
To Be Sold by auction by George Legge
On the Premises, on Monday 28th December instant, and two following days at eleven o'clock.

Late the property of Miss Agnes Waddington, deceased.

Ely Corn Exchange
The Corn Exchange, which has been much delayed in consequence of adverse winds preventing the ship, laden with stone for the building, coming into Lynn, is expected to be completed by Christmas. Mr S. M. Peto has, with his usual liberality, presented the directors with a contribution of one hundred guineas; and the Dean and Chapter of Ely, who are the lords of the sail, have given fifty guineas.

Ancient British Shields
A labourer of the name of Walker employed in claying land in the parish of Coveney, lately discovered two British shields, in good preservation, lying upon the clay under the fen soil. The shields are circular and about 22 inches in diameter. One is ornamental with concentric circles stamped in the metal; and the other with intertwining serpents. The handles of both are perfect; and there are remains of bronze holds for straps riveted on the inside. It is probable that as both were found together the place was either the scene of a battle or that they were lost by the upsetting of a canoe; which last is perhaps the more probable surmise, canoes having been found imbedded in the fen soil in neighbouring parishes. The shields passed into the possession of Mr Chambers, of

Wardy Hill, but we understand that they have been purchased by the Rev. S. Banks, of Haddenham, for the Cambridge Antiquarian Society.

December 26 1846

Isle of Ely Agricultural Protection Society

A Meeting of the Members of this society will be held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely on Thursday, the 7th of January next, at one o'clock, to consider the propriety of taking any measures for obtaining a Repeal of the Malt Tax.

Isle of Ely

Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at the Sessions House, in Wisbech, on Wednesday, 6th of January next, at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, at which hour the chair will be taken; and all jurors, constables, and persons bound by recognizance, and others having occasion to attend are required to give their attendance accordingly. And notice is also hereby given, that the business relating to the Constabulary Force of the Isle, and Laying a police-rate towards defraying the expenses of the said Force, will commence and be proceeded in immediately after the Grand Jury are sworn and charged, and after such business is disposed of, the business relating to the assessment, application, or management of the Isle Stock or Rate will commence and be done and transacted in open court.

The Justices Clerks are requested to send the several depositions and recognizances to the office of the Clerk of the Peace at Wisbech, on or before the Saturday preceding.

Hugh Jackson,
Clerk of the Peace, Wisbech

Deaths

At Norwich, on the 13th instant, aged 43, Mr Joseph William Bidewell, of Ely. His punctual and exact method of business had won him a large circle of friends.

At Ely, on the 18th instant, aged 84, the widow of Mr R. Edwards, formerly stamp distributer.

On the 24th instant, aged 43, after a lingering illness of many months, Mary, Widow of the late Mr Matthews Hills, of Ely.

Sheep Stealing

John Bonnett was on Monday fully committed to prison for stealing a sheep, the property of Mr Wm. Harlock, St Mary's parish, Ely.

Bonnett when taken, was cooking a steak himself for breakfast, and had got a leg ready for dinner, which, upon being examined by a butcher, agreed with a portion of the slaughtered sheep left behind in a hay stack. It appears that this theft was not at all occasioned by want, as Bonnett was in the regular weekly receipt of 18s. 6d (12s for himself, and 6s 6d for two boys) in the employment of Messrs. W. H. Rayner.

Death by sleeping on a Lime Kiln

On Sunday morning last, the remains of the body of Thomas Burgess, a youth about fifteen years of age, supposed to have come from West-row, near Mildenhall, and occasionally employed in driving cattle for jobbers, was found dead and dreadfully burnt in the lime-kiln belonging to Mr. Benj. Warner, of Ely. No doubt he fell asleep by the side of the kiln, was suffocated and fell into the burning lime stone. The appearance of the remains of the poor boy were too terrible to be described. It is only a few months ago that a bricklayer, named Cropley, was destroyed by suffocation at the same place, and two other persons have since had very narrow escapes.

Luggage and cattle are now conveyed by rail daily from Peterborough to Ely.

Death from Drowning
On Tuesday night last, as Royston's potatoe boats were on their way to Ely, when just above Littleport bridge, a young man aged 24, named Smith Fisher, of Ely, was heard to slip off the lighters into the river. The men on board immediately ran to his assistance, but he had sunk to rise no more.

An inquest was held before William Marshall, Esq., Coroner, on the following day, and a verdict of accidental death returned.

Returned Convict
The man named Brown, whose baseness cloaked by a profession of religion and consummate hypocrisy, was at the time of his transportation, July 1842, so severely censured, has this week returned to Ely, after expiating his offence of robbing his master Mr. Wm. Wathen, of money and a large quantity of goods. We understand he obtained his discharge in consequence of his good behaviour while at Gibraltar.

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January 2 1847
Death – on Friday 18th ultimo, at Ely, aged 85, Mrs. M. R. Edwards, relict of Mr. Robt Edwards of that city.

The Bishop of Ely's Shakespeare Portrait.
The paragraph which appeared in our pages relative to a picture in the possession of the bishop of Ely, supposed to be a portrait of Shakespeare, excited considerable interest, and was reprinted by the majority of our contemporaries. We have since seen the picture and are prepossessed in favour of its genuineness. It is without the beard, closely resembling the engraving in the folio edition to which were appended Ben Johnson's well known lines. The painting is on a panel 1 foot 8 inches by 1 foot 3¾ inches, and when found was in an old ebony frame, covered with dirt, and disregarded. It was bought for a few shillings, solely on the ground of its likeness to Shakespeare.

The date and age (1603, acta 39), serving to confirm this impression, were not discovered till afterwards, these are in the left hand corner of the picture, at the top, in the same position as they are in the portrait of Cornelius Janson, dated 1610.
The Builder
January 9 1847
Death – on the 30th ultimo, at Ely, aged 55, Mr. Wm. Pope, many years an efficient master of the National School in that City.

Ely and Peterborough Railway
We have good authority for stating that the Government inspection of the Ely and Peterboro' railway line will take place this day, and if the report be then satisfactory, passenger trains will commence running on the following Thursday, the 14th instant. We understand the corn and other goods which cannot as yet be conveyed for want of trucks, engines, etc., amount to large quantities, and at once show the importance of this connecting line.

Sir Harry Smith
This distinguished officer, the "Hero of Aliwal", is expected to arrive in England in April next. Ill health is the cause of the veterans' present return.

Isle of Ely Sessions

These Sessions commenced for the trial of prisoners on Wednesday last before the Rev. Gale Townley, Chairman, the Rev. H. Fardell, the Rev. Hugh Jackson, Rev. H. Howarth, R. G. Townley, W. Cox, C. Metcalfe, Esqrs. The Mayor of Wisbech (Capt Stevens) and others.

The Chairman addressing the Grand Jury said the calendar was comparatively light considering the great influx of strangers consequent upon the railway works in progress in the neighbourhood, and great credit was justly due to the vigilance of the police force.

The state of the gaol was exceedingly satisfactory; although great expenditure had been incurred, it was very gratifying to find that the results had perfectly justified such an outlay. They were deeply indebted to Mr. Burrows, the governor of Wisbech House of Correction, not only for the humane and efficient performance of his duties as governor, but also for the voluntary services he has rendered as school master to those committed to his charge. When it was considered how exceedingly desirable it was that those persons should receive such instruction as would afterwards be beneficial to them, such services could not be too highly appreciated.

Charles Crabb (37) and Samuel Rooms (42) were both convicted of being incorrigible rogues, having both left their families chargeable to the city of Ely. Three months hard labour.

John Levi (26) supposed to have been one of a gang of pickpockets who attended Ely Fair, was indicted for stealing a purse containing several sovereigns and some silver from the person of Mrs Clark, of Ely Trinity, - Mr Couch prosecuted and Mr Naylor defended the prisoner. It appeared that on Ely fair day, Mrs Clark and several persons were in the shop of Messrs. Butcher and Bard at Ely, when the prisoner and another man came in and asked for some trifling articles. Shortly afterwards Mrs Clark felt her gown pulled and then missed her purse which had been safe a few minutes before. She saw the prisoners' hand quite plainly come from her pocket hole, and immediately secured him, when he replied she was a false woman.

The prisoner then told his companion to pay for what he had purchased, and hurried out of the shop. The shopman went after him, found him standing by a wall, and told him he was wanted in the shop. The prisoner immediately ran off and was chased and taken, but no purse was found upon him, nor was the purse found at all. In cross-examination it came out that the pocket was an old fashioned one underneath her petticoat and tied round her waist, but this was elicited after some difficulty and much to the amusement of the auditory.

Mr Naylor addressed the Jury contending that fortified as Mrs Clark's pocket was it was impossible it could have been picked, that Mrs. Clark in attempting to put it in must have dropped the purse, and that the prisoner running away was to be accounted for by the dread of being brought before the public even on a frivolous charge. Prisoner acquitted.

Rebecca Willson, charged with stealing a silver dessert-spoon, the property of Sarah Mynton, innkeeper, of Ely. It appeared the prisoner left Mrs. Myntons' service on the day in question, and shortly after she left the spoon was missed. Mrs Mynton went after her with a policeman and said she must come back and find the spoon.

The prisoner did go back, and after looking about said the spoon must be in the swill tubs to which she went followed by Mrs Mynton and her son. Mrs Mynton observed her raise her arm as if to put it in her bosom, and the little boy who was in advance swore that he saw her take the spoon out of her bosom and put it up her sleeve. The prisoner then leaned against the tub and Mrs Mynton heard something rattle against the tin pan in the tub, and the spoon was found. Verdict guilty. Three months hard labour.

John Bonnett (39) indicted for stealing a sheep the property of Mr John Harlock, farmer, Ely. Verdict guilty, ten years transportation.

John Taylor (33) charged with stealing two boat sprits, property of Richard Thorpe of Prickwillow. It appeared they had only been borrowed, and as the prisoner had an excellent character, Verdict was not guilty.

Rumblelow Barrett (18) charged with stealing a hachet, the property of his master, Mr John Marsh, of Ely. It appeared the prisoner lodged with a Mrs Hitch, who asked him the price of a hachet, he told her 1s 8d, and fetched her one ready made at the shop, which he sold her for a shilling which she was to set off for his lodgings she telling him he must pay his master's foreman out of his wages.

It was proved he did not pay for it, but it did not appear clearly that any wages had been paid to him in the interval. Mr Naylor, for the prisoner, contended that this could not be said to be a case of stealing; if it was a crime at all, it was a crime of embezzlement. Verdict not guilty.

January 16 1847

Death - On the 6th instant, Eliza, daughter of Thomas Granger, brewer, of Thetford, near Ely, aged 2 years.

Eels

Gesner quotes a passage from the venerable Bede, to the following effect:-
"In England there is an island called Ely, by reason of the innumerable quantity of eels that breed in it", the circumstance, it is supposed gave the name to the fenny districts in one neighbourhood. Though eels (says a modern writer) are delicate food, they are not esteemed wholesome, but the contrary. The Italians have the following proverb: - "Give eels and no wine to our enemies."

Accident

A melancholy accident happened on the Eastern Counties Railway between Brandon and Ely on Thursday week, by which two men lost their lives. It appears that twelve waggons, each accompanied by two men, were employed ballasting the line, and had proceeded about six miles from the pit in Brandon field, when the one next the engine broke down, in consequence of the hinder axle tree snapping off against the wheels. The waggon, however, kept on the line by the fore wheels, but the second was thrown off though not overturned. The third waggon also kept on the line; the fourth broke down behind; and the fifth turned right over, bottom upwards. The two men who were upon it were thrown between the fifth and the sixth waggons.

The engine which was going at the rate of nine or ten miles an hour, was stopped in about five minutes after the breaking down of the first waggon, when the wheels of the sixth waggon were found to be upon the two men who were lying one on the top of the other. The man underneath, called Charles Talbot, was covered with gravel, and was taken up quite dead, his partner, named Ruddenham, was just alive, but died soon afterwards. An inquest was held on the body of Charles Talbot, on Friday, before H. Wayman, Gent, Coroner, and a verdict of "Accidental Death" returned.

January 16 1847

Another Street Light

However useful the press may be in exposing the evil-disposed part of the community, it has a beneficial effect upon the society at large, when engaged to spread the praise of them that do well. We are glad to pay a tribute of respect to R. Atkinson, Esq., for a gas-lamp in a place where it was much needed.

However useful it may be to him, it will be far more so to the public. We hope other gentlemen will follow the example.

Electro Magnetism

Mr W. J. Tubbs, surgeon of Upwell, in the Isle of Ely, has communicated to us the successful result of an experiment with the electro-magnetic battery upon a child three weeks old which was nearly poisoned on Christmas day by the administration of too powerful a dose of Godfrey's cordial. He had tried the usual means of resuscitation from stupor without success; the ordinary muscles had become paralysed, and the action of the heart had nearly ceased, when he passed several electric

shocks along the spine and through the cardiac region with marked benefit, the action of the heart being immediately accelerated. "Then" says Mr Tubbs, "I administered stimulants, and enveloped the whole body up to the chin in heated flannels, covered closely with oil-skin to retain the heat, in which state the infant remained for many hours. On my next visit I had the gratification of finding the little patient sucking at its mother's breast, and it is now quite recovered. Electricity may be safely resorted to in poison cases arising from narcotics, even in infants, when all other means would probably prove unavailable. I trust some benefit may accrue from the publication of this mode of treatment, and also that it may act as a warning to ignorant and careless persons who so readily administer narcotics to infants." Stamford Mercury.

Isle of Ely Police Intelligence Ely Division
Before the Rev. G. Millers.

George Pratt, Downham, labourer, charged with stealing five ducks, the property of William Hills, of Downham, farmer, Apprehended by p.c Goodly. Charge dismissed for want of evidence.

Re-charged under the Vagrant Act, for being found on the premises of the said William Hills, with a felonious intent. Committed for three months to the House of Correction.

January 23 1847

On Friday evening, the express train from Peterboro' to Ely smashed the second gate from Whittlesea, on the March side, to pieces. Although the gate-keeper had that morning received his appointment, and had particularly cautioned to be careful, he neglected his duty and fell asleep, leaving the gates improperly fastened across the line. One or two carriages were thrown off the rail, but no damage beyond this was sustained.

Accident on Ely Bridge

On Saturday afternoon a pair of horses and a waggon of goods from Ely station belonging to Mr Clements, of Soham, met an empty waggon and horses on the bridge. The latter belonged to Mr Stubbings, of Ely, and the man refused to go back: the consequence was, that Clements' waggon horses and goods, backed into the river. By immediate and determined assistance the horses were saved, but the goods were considerably injured. This is considered one of the worst modern-built bridges in the kingdom, there being only room for one carriage at a time, and the approaches dangerously steep.

Persons at one end cannot see those at the other; and consequently there is always risk and fear.

The Bridge belongs to the Dean and Chapter of Ely, but was built (though not many years since) before the present Dean's time, or we feel satisfied something better would have appeared. However, it is now so near the station, the traffic so considerable, and the danger so great, that we entertain hopes that before long a bridge more in character with this improving city, and safer for the public use, will be erected.

Children Burnt to Death

An inquest was held on Monday last, at the George and Dragon, Ely, before Wm. Marshall Esq., coroner, on the body of William Dolby, aged four years, the son of a railway labourer. It appeared that on Monday, 29th December, last, during the absence of the mother upstairs for two minutes, the child set his clothes on fire, and was so dreadfully burnt, that after lingering until that day fortnight, death put an end to its sufferings. Verdict "accidentally burnt to death."

As the jury were leaving the inn, their feelings were agonised by seeing a child running along the road and in flames. Before they could come up to it, Mr. Wm. Benstead, a publican had stopped it and succeeded in extinguishing the flames. Mr John Muriel, surgeon, happened to be riding by at the time, and promptly rendered assistance, but all was unavailing, for death shortened its agonies

on the following morning. An inquest was held at the same house on Tuesday evening, before the same coroner and jury, when it appeared in evidence that the mother of the child had left her children aged six and ten, playing in the yard; that the youngest left her sister at play and ran into the house, and in reaching at something on the mantel-piece, her clothes caught fire. The poor little sufferer was Eliza, daughter of Thomas Walton, the Ely and Littleport messenger. "Verdict as on the former occasion."

It is a melancholy fact that Mr Marshall has sat upon inquests on three children burnt to death in the short space of nine days! Surely these horrid catastrophes ought to be a warning to mothers not to leave children of so young an age with a fire in the house, unless there is a fire guard, or someone to take care of them.

Sheep Stealing

J. Fryer Esq., having had a sheep slaughtered on his farm in Tick Fen, one night last week, the police obtained a search warrant, and succeeded in finding the carcase secreted in a cradle in the house of a man named Laurence. The parties immediately absconded but will no doubt, soon be apprehended, as they are well known by the police.

January 30 1847

Death – On Sunday last, aged 56 years, Mr Robt. Walker, Landlord of the Bell Hotel, Ely, for upwards of a quarter of a century, he drove the coach running between Cambridge and Lynn, was much respected on the road, and held in high esteem as a whip by many gentlemen travellers of his day.

Ely Corn Market

Merchants and other persons who may be desirous of attending the New Corn Exchange, at Ely, as buyers of corn and seeds, are respectfully informed that the following regulations have been made by the Directors of the "Ely Market and Fairs Company", for the Disposal of standings and Desks, and the arrangements of the Business of the Market – viz:-

Standings and Desks will be appropriated by Ballot, to take place in the Corn Exchange, on Thursday, 4th February at half-past one o'clock. The Drawer of No. 1 will be entitled to the first choice, and the Drawers of Numbers consecutive to No. 1 in the orders of the numbers. The Desks will remain the property of the Company. The Standings and Desks will be let by the Company at a fore-hand annual rent of two guineas.

The first payment to be made on taking possession.

The second on the first Thursday in January 1848, and all subsequent payments on the first day of January each year.

Every buyer attending the Market three days in any Year, and not hiring a Standing and Desk, will be required to pay to the Company a rent of One Guinea in each year; the same to be considered as due on the occasion of the Third attendance. The Corn Market will commence at One o'clock, and close at Three o'clock precisely. No person will be allowed to enter the Corn Exchange later than 45 minutes past Two o'clock.

William Broderick, jun.

Clerk of the Markets and Fair.

Association for the Prosecution of all kinds of Felony in the Hundred of Ely and South Part of the Hundred of Witchford.

Notice is hereby given, that an Annual Meeting of the Members for the purpose of passing the Agents' accounts, and enlarging or rescinding the present rules and orders, if necessary, will be held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Saturday, 1st February next between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Henry Pigott, Agent

Lynn and Ely Railway Company
Notice is hereby given, that a Special General Meeting of the Proprietors of the Lynn and Ely Railway Company will be held at the London Tavern, Bishopsgate St., London, on Thursday 18th February next, at eleven o'clock precisely, for the purpose of taking into consideration, and, if approved of, adopting, and authorising the common seal of the Company to be affixed to, an agreement proposed to be entered into between the Directors of this Company, and the Directors of the Ely and Huntingdon and Lynn and Dereham Railway Companies on the one part, and the Directors of the Eastern Counties Railway Company on the other part, for leasing the Railways, Branch Railways, and Works, of this Company and of the Ely and Huntingdon and Lynn and Dereham Railway Companies, to the Eastern Counties Railway Company, upon the terms which will be then and there set forth; and also for the purpose of having submitted to them for their consideration and approval (in accordance with the standing orders of the House of Lords) the drafts of the following Bills, viz:-
"A Bill for consolidating the Lynn and Ely, the Ely and Huntingdon, and the Lynn and Dereham Railway Companies into one Company to be called, The East Anglian Railways Company."
"A Bill to enable the Lynn and Ely Railway Company to extend their Railways to Spalding and Holbeach."
"A Bill to enable the Lynn and Ely railway Company to extend to Bury St Edmunds."
"A Bill for making a Deviation in the Line of the Lynn and Ely Railway, and for forming Docks within the Borough of Kings Lynn."
"A Bill to enable the Lynn and Ely Railway Company to make a navigation from Lynn to Wormegay, all in the County of Norfolk."
Wm Browne Folkes, Chairman
W. W. Williams, Secretary
Company's Offices, Lynn, Norfolk.

February 6 1847

Ely
William Manning, lately one of the Exhibitors of the Board of Education at St Mark's College, Chelsea, has been provisionally appointed to the Mastership of the National Grammar School.

The Colonelcy of the 47th Foot, vacant by the demise of the late Sir William Anson, has been conferred on Major General Sir Harry Smith, Bart., the hero of Aliwal.

February 13 1847

Death – On Tuesday last, at Ely, aged 78, Thomas Legge, for many years sexton of Ely Trinity parish, postman, hall-keeper, and Sergeant of the Court of Requests at Ely.

Royal Agricultural Show of England
We hear from good authority the usual preliminary questions have been asked of Wm. Layton Esq., of woodhouse near Ely, and answered by that gentleman relative to the capabilities of Ely for this meeting. Mr Layton we understand is willing to reserve the land necessary for the occasion, and no difficulty exists as regards other arrangements.

Sir Harry Smith
Upon the fame of the victorious of Aliwal and Sobraon penetrating to the retired village of Whittlesea, in Cambridgeshire, the birth place of Sir H. Smith, an address of congratulations to the hero of these two hard-fought fights was set on foot by those of the inhabitants who could remember the stripling cadet whom they now heard of as the distinguished general.

It was prepared by his old preceptor, the Rev. G. Burges, who, in his 82 year, rejoiced in the glory of his gallant pupil. Sir Harry Smiths' reply has been only lately received. It is full of the kindest

feeling, and evinces throughout that warm attachment to home which long absence, however honoured, is seldom able to quench.

Corn Exchange
On Thursday last the desks and stands for merchants attending Ely market, were disposed of by ballot. Every stand was taken, and several more were ordered, which fully realises the expectations of the most sanguine in regard to the success of their convenient building for business purposes and the accommodation of all parties interested in and attending the Ely Market.

Elopement and alleged Robbery
Shortly after nine o'clock on Friday evening, a message was received at the Shoreditch station, per electric telegraph from Ely, thus worded:-

"Detain a man in the three o'clock up train from Yarmouth. He is attired in a flannel jacket, fustian trousers and blue cap; has small whiskers, and is accompanied by a female named Read. She is dressed in a dark gown and tuscan bonnet, and has with her, a child. The prosecutor will follow in the next train. They have third class tickets from Whittlesea. Let us know the result."

The reason for detaining the man not being explained, the question, "What has the man done?" was telegraphed back to Ely. In a few minutes, the answer "Run away with £30, and the prosecutors wife," was returned. On the train coming up to the ticket platform, the fugitive pair were quickly picked out. They seemed in the best of spirits, enjoying each others company amazingly.

On arriving at the terminus, Mr. Grimshaw, the superintendent, politely communicated the information he had received, and the painful duty he had to perform in detaining the gentleman until the arrival of the next train. The female implored the superintendent to liberate her companion saying that he only was the man of her choice, and she could not return to her wicked husband. As to the £30, it was only a report trumped up to catch them. The man however, was detained, and the woman awaited the arrival of the train, in the waiting-room. In due course it came up, when it was announced that the prosecutor was not a passenger by it. The woman immediately demanded that the imprisoned one be set at large, and nothing of the £30 having been found in the man's possession, the police at the Spital Square station advised his liberation. They lost no time in calling a cab, which they entered, and were driven off.

By the first up train on Saturday morning, a constable from Whittlesea came in quest of them, and was not a little chagrined on learning that the birds had flown. The female is the wife of a licensed victualler, and her paramour is described as a mason.

Ely Notice
Messrs Swann and Sons beg to inform their friends and the public, that they have disposed of all their interest in their carrying business at Ely and its neighbourhood, to Messrs. George and John Hall of Ely whom they confidently and respectfully recommend. And Messrs George and John Hall take this opportunity of soliciting the support of those friends who have hitherto favoured Messrs. Swann with their patronage.

Notice is hereby given that the Partnership lately subsisting between the undersigned Wm. Harlock the younger, and John Harlock, of Ely, farmers, in the trade or business of farmers, carried on under the firm of Wm. And John Harlock, was on the 1st day of January last Dissolved by mutual consent: and that all debts due to or from the said firm are to be received and paid by the said Wm. Harlock. As witness our hands this fifth day of February 1847.
Wm. Harlock, jun

John Harlock.
February 20 1847
Burnt Fen First District
Payment of Taxes
Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners for draining the First District of Burnt Fen Lands, did, at a Half yearly Meeting, holden at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 26th March 1846, assess, rate, tax and charge all and singular the fen lands and low grounds within the said District, with a tax of Ninepence per acre, and a gradual acre tax, not exceeding One Shilling and Six pence per acre; and a further gradual acre-tax, not exceeding Three Shillings per acre on each and every acre of the said fen lands and low grounds; and so on in proportion for any less quantity than an acre; and that the said several taxes have been ordered by the said Commissioners to be paid to us, as their receivers, at our office in Ely, within the month of February next.

And notice is hereby also given, that any person liable to the payment of the said rates and taxes, and omitting to pay the same to us for twenty days from the 28th day of February, will forfeit and be required to pay to the said Commissioners, by way of penalty for every such omission, the sum of Three shillings and Fourpence for every Twenty shillings of the said rates and taxes which shall be so in arrear and unpaid, and so in proportion for any less sum than twenty shillings.
Dated this 13th day of January 1847
T. & G. Archer
Clerks and Receivers to the said Commissioners.

Marriage – On Tuesday last, at St Mary's Church, Ely, (By the Rev. S. Smith. AM) G Willis, Esq., of Soham, to the youngest daughter of John Harlock Esq.

Death – on Tuesday last, in the 61st year of her age, Sarah, the affectionate wife of Mr. Robt. West, farmer and grazier, of Newton isle of Ely.

Robbery
Lyn Mart generally draws a herd of thieves through Ely. On Wednesday night, about nine o'clock, Mr Tonsor Aungier had scarcely left his shop one minute before his wife heard some one at the door, to which she immediately went, and found it open: turning round into the shop, she discovered that two cases of jewellery, value between £30 and £40, had been stolen. On the following morning, one of the cases was found empty, thrown into a garden, not far from Mr Aungiers.

Mepal Skating Match
On Saturday last, a free prize of five guineas was skated for on Mepal Wash, in the presence of an immense number of spectators. There were 16 competitors, comprising most of the crack men in the neighbourhood, amongst whom were F. Bavin, Esq., Few of Sutton, Register, Butcher, and Porter, of Southery; Whiting of Mepal, and Mitcham of Benwick. After many well contested races, the prize was cleverly won by Larman Register, of Southery, beating few, the Sutton pet, with apparent ease.

The skating upon the whole was much admired, but especially that of Register, who is only about 18 years of age, but is about one of the first skaters of the day.

The Graziers and the Eastern Counties Railway.
A Meeting of the principal Graziers at Ely, and in the neighbourhood was held at the Board room of the Cattle Market and Corn Exchange Company, in the Cattle Market, on Thursday last. The object

of the meeting was to consider the recent alterations made by the Eastern Counties Railway Company in the time and mode of conveying cattle to London.

Mr. Waddington, the vice-chairman of the Eastern Counties Company, and Mr. Mosely, the Superintendent of the Cattle traffic, attended the meeting as a deputation from the Company, William Layton, Esq., was called to the chair. He stated to the deputation that complaints were made of the injury done to stock by their long detention on the rail; that much inconvenience would arise and additional expense be incurred by their being required to be forwarded on Fridays in lieu of Saturdays; and that the Graziers trusted the Company would agree to forward the stock on Saturdays, and make such arrangements as would insure the trains starting in the middle of the day, and arriving at their place of destination at five or six o'clock, and that they would also provide for the conveyance of stock in the afternoon of Thursdays.

Mr. Waddington addressed the meeting at considerable length, and expressed the anxious desire of the directors to meet the wishes of the Graziers, as far as they had means at their disposal. The influx of cattle traffic from Norfolk and the Isle of Ely far exceeded their expectations; and the present locomotive power of the Company was insufficient to convey the whole of the cattle in one day.

Great exertions were being made for obtaining an increase of power, and he had reason to expect that in a month or six weeks the present difficulties would be obviated, when the cattle would be forwarded on Saturdays.

In the meantime care should be taken to forward them as expeditiously as practicable on Fridays, and the suggestions of the meeting as to the time of starting and reaching Tottenham should be attended to; and in order to show the desire of the Company had to accommodate the Graziers he would mention that they had frequently at great cost engaged engines from the Norfolk Company to proceed to London with the cattle trucks. He was ready to engage to forward stock on Thursday afternoons as requested, it being understood that the stock should be at the station by five o'clock.

The meeting seemed perfectly satisfied with Mr. Waddington's statement, and at his suggestion a deputation from the meeting was appointed to attend him and settle some minor details.

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To be Sold by Auction
By George Legge
On the Ship Quay, Waterside, Ely, on Wednesday
10th March 1847
The Sloop Mary, of Lynn.
She will carry 325 quarters of grain, or upwards of 65 tons of coals. Catalogue of her stores many be had of the Auctioneer, Ely. The hull of the above Sloop underwent a considerable repair and outfitted with many new ropes etc, in January last, and is a vessel, which will sail well.
Sale to commence at Twelve o'clock.

Ely Union Contracts
The Board of Guardians of the above Union, give notice, that they will, at their Weekly Meeting, at the Union Workhouse, in Ely, on Thursday 11th March instant, receive Tenders for supplying the said Workhouse and the Out-door Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief Districts, with the following Articles, from the 18th instant inclusive for thirteen weeks.
Good Thirds Flour, at per stone
Good Bread, made of same quality flour (24 hours old) at per 4lb loaf
Good Beef (Clods, Stickings, or Briskets), without Bone,
Fore Quarters of Mutton and Suet, at per stone.

To be delivered at the said Workhouse at such times and in such quantities as the Board shall order, and to be supplied to the Paupers in every parish, in such quantities as shall be expressed in tickets issued by the Relieving Officer. They are also desirous of contracting for such quantities of the undermentioned articles as may from time to time be required at the said Workhouse, from 18th instant, for 26 weeks.

Provisions Etc

Cheese, Rice, Oatmeal, Moist Sugar, Salt and Soda, at per stone.
Butter Tea and Dip Candles at per lb.
Peas at per coomb; Ale, at per gallon, Coals at per ton;
Turf at per thousand.

Clothing etc.

Strong Grey Army Cloth, for old men's suits;
Fustian for boy's suits and twilled Calico, for lining the same.
Flannel for wearing, Flannel for shrouds;
Hemp, Calico, Blue Stripe, and Chambry, at per yard.
Men', Womens', Boys' and Girls' strong knitted Worsted Stockings, at per pair;
Worsted, at per lb.
Cocoanut Fibre, at per cwt.
Conditions and Instructions same as previous quarters.
By Order of the Board
William Marshall, Clerk.

A Contest for the election of Sexton for Ely Trinity parish took place on Thursday last, when John Nightingale was declared elected, at the close of the poll, the candidates stood as follows:-
John Nightingale, 64
Wm. Smith, 44;
Wm Langford, 39.

Death – On Sunday week, at Duddon Grove, Millom, Miss Frances Esther Millers, only daughter of the late Rev. W. Millers, B.D., and niece of the Rev. G. Millers, Precentor of Ely Cathedral, aged 34 years.

Death of Miss Millers

It is with feelings of the deepest regret that we announce the death of the above lady, which took place on Sunday evening last, at Duddon Grove, Millom. Some time ago Miss Millers had an attack of measles, from the effect of which she never entirely recovered; but no fatal result was apprehended until within a few hours of her death. No person ever descended to the grave more sincerely lamented than this lady. Her loss in this district is felt to be a public calamity, and to the poor, we feel it is irreparable. To enumerate all her acts of beneficence would be impossible: we may, however, mention a few of them. At her own sole expense she erected a spacious school at Thwaites, where one hundred girls are at this time receiving a suitable education, and endowed it with the munificent sum of £2000. She instituted and supported clothing clubs in Kirkby Ireleth, Broughton, Millom, and Ulpha, by means of which the poorer classes of those places were regularly supplied with comfortable apparel and blankets. Each winter she opened a soup kitchen, and distributed soup gratuitously to the poor. She took a lively interest in the Sunday schools of the district, and contributed largely to their funds. Her private charities were extensive and unostentatious. In one word, she acted strictly upon the maxim that property has its duties as well as its rights. Too many of those on whom fortune has showered her favours, are intent only upon hoarding up money or spending it in selfish gratification, regardless of the ignorance, distress, and misery around them. Miss Millers was not one of this class. Hers was a career of active benevolence and usefulness; and if she had any selfishness in her disposition, it was a noble selfishness, for it consisted in securing her own happiness by promoting that of others. The number

of persons employed at the different works carried on by Miss Millers was very great: and we regret to state, that in consequence of her death, no less than fifty work-people, consisting of joiners, masons, labourers etc. were discharged on Monday morning. In writing the above, we have paid a sincere though feeble tribute to the memory of one who will long, very long be remembered in this part of the country as the benefactress of the poor.

"Take her all in all, we shall not look upon her like again." Lancaster Guardian.
(Miss Millers was well known in Ely, as the niece of the Rev. G. Millers, Minor Canon)

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Haddenham

On Sunday the 21st ultimo, two sermons were preached in Haddenham church, in obedience to the commands of the Queens letter, for the starving Irish and Scotch; the collections amounted to the very liberal sum of £25, and £8.10s has been since subscribed in addition making a total of £33.10.

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Bell Hotel and Commercial Inn.
High Street, Ely

Caroline Walker takes this opportunity of thanking her friends for the kind patronage and support with which they have favoured her and her late husband during the last five years, and begs to inform them that it is her intention to carry on the business of the above Inn.

Mrs Walker hopes that by assiduity and attention, to receive a continuance of that support which she is anxious to merit.
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Doddington

A bill is now in the House of Commons for dividing the large Rectory of Doddington.

Ely Corn Exchange

We understand this building will be entirely finished this week. The workmanship in every particular has given the greatest satisfaction, and reflects much credit upon Mr Simon Oates, builder, of Cambridge, the contractor.

Increased value of Property in Ely

The demand for building land in Ely having increased, a piece of freehold land, about an acre, was sold by auction by Mr. John Cross, on Thursday last, in small lots, and realised the sum of £1157.10s. Four years ago the same property was offered for £245, but a buyer at that time could not be obtained.

We understand that the wheat in the Fens, on the light black soils are looking very thin, and more particularly so where the land is not clayed. The pastures are very much cut, and spring feed will be short and backward in consequence of the late frosts.

Awful Death

On Saturday evening last, as Henry Herbert, a sawyer, employed on the Railway works at Ely, was partaking of some beef steak for supper, he choked himself and died instantly. The event was the more awful, as the unhappy man was in a state of intoxication.

One of his companions ran out for a surgeon, but too late. A coroners' inquest was held on Tuesday last upon the body, and a verdict found of "Accidental death," occasioned by the above-named circumstances.

The deceased was 51 years of age, and has left a wife and five children.

Burnt Fen First District
Notice is hereby given, that a General Half-yearly Meeting of the Commissioners acting in execution of the Acts of Parliament, now in force for the drainage of the above District, will be holden at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 25th day of March instant, at Twelve o'clock at noon.
T. & G. Archer
Clerks to the Commissioners.

March 27 1847

Accident
On Thursday evening last, about eight o'clock, a fatal accident occurred to Mr. Charles Dent, farmer, residing in Caudle Fen, near Ely, who had, with his wife been to Ely market. Unfortunately he had indulged himself with too much liquor; and on returning home in a cart drawn by a blind mare, when a short distance down the Caudle Fen Drove, his hat fell off: Mrs Dent got out to pick it up; and mare went on one side of the road, beside which is a deep ditch, into which the unfortunate man was upset, the cart falling upon him. The affrighted woman's cries brought plenty of assistance, which was speedily rendered, but in vain.

Extraordinary Fecundity
Last week three sheep the property of Mr. Charles Porter, of Witchford, produced the remarkable number of eleven lambs, nine of which are likely to live. We believe that this is an instance of fecundity very seldom equalled.

Vagrancy
On Monday last six men named Wm. Pipkin, Ambrose Grey, Riley Boss, James Boss , Lewis Boss, and Frampton Youngs, were brought before Albert Pell, Esq., at Wilburton charged by PC Simpkin, Bedmore and Hill, of the Ely constabulary force, with sleeping in a tent on Grunty Fen. P.C. Simkin having identified Pipkin as a convicted felon on a previous occasing for stealing mutton at Copalder, in the parish of Doddington, about three years since, that prisoner was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour; Grey two months hard labour having been before cautioned; the three Boss and Youngs one month each. The money and goods fouond upon them to be applied towards the expence of apprehending and maintaining them during the time for which they are committed. Riley Boss's wife is remanded until Thursday on suspicion of felony, several pawnbrokers tickets having been found in her possession, one of which was for a gold watch pawned for seven guineas and several other silver articles.

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Isle of Ely
Notice is hereby given that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at the Sessions House in Ely, on Wednesday 7th April next, at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, at which hour the chair will be taken, and all jurors, constables, and persons bound by recognizance, and others having occasion to attend are required to give their attendance accordingly.

Most Eligible Building ground at Ely
For Sale
Adjoining the Road near the Railway Station, the principal thoroughfare, and unquestionably the best situation for houses of business, that can be offered in this improving city.

Matthew Scott begs most respectfully to inform the public he has been instructed by the proprietor, Mr William Foreman, to sell by auction, in convenient lots all the Freehold Garden Ground, abutting on Broad Street, now in the occupation of Mrs. Cramwell, full particulars of which will

appear in future papers, and may be had of Messrs. T & G Archer, Solicitors and of the Auctioneer, Ely.

Death – On the 27th ultimo, at Ely, after a short but painful illness, aged 62, highly respected by all who knew her, Mary, the beloved wife of Mr. Wm. Beecroft.

County Courts
J. D. Burnaley, Esq., of the Inner Temple and Midland Circuit, has been appointed Judge of the Fen District No. 34, including the Isle of Ely, Peterboro', and adjacent parts of Lincolnshire and Norfolk, Mr C. Metcalfe, jun., is clerk at Wisbech, and Mr. F. J. Wise at March.

Robbery
On Tuesday last, a man named Starling, a groom from Newmarket, went into the Royal Oak, Ely, and for refreshment changed a five pound note. He asked for lodgings, when a man named Matthew Chapman told him he had engaged them, and took him out of the house, when Starling turned stupid, no doubt from the effects of drugs put in his drink. He is totally unconscious of everything that passed from that time until 5 o'clock next morning, when he found himself lying in a large field at a distance from the town, minus his money and watch.

Next day, Chapman laid out between £4 and £5 for clothes, which he afterwards sold for 24s. He has since been apprehended, and is committed for further examination.

Cambridge and Ely Turnpike Road
Any persons desirous of contracting for the supply of Materials for the repairs of all or any of the undermentioned districts of Turnpike Road, for one year from the 24th day of June next, are requested to send in Tenders to Messrs. Evans and Son, Solicitors, Ely, before the 13th April next, at whose office the terms and form of the proposed Contracts many be had on application.

The Trustees reserve the right of requiring sureties for the proper execution of the Contract and do not bind themselves to accept the lowest tender.

District No. 1. From the Lamb Corner, in Ely, to the Stone near the fifth mile stone in the Parish of Soham.
District No. 2. From the Lamb Corner, in Ely, to Stretham – Ferry Bridge.
District No. 3. From Stretham Ferry Bridge to St. Giles Church in the town of Cambridge.
District No. 4. From the Lamb Corner, in Ely, aforesaid to the Three Fishes public house, in the Parish of Mepal, and form the Witcham Toll-gate, to the North end of Short Lane in the Parish of Stretham aforesaid.

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Turnpike Tolls to be Let
Notice is hereby given, that the Tolls arising at the Toll-gates upon the Turnpike Road leading from Ely to Downham, in the County of Norfolk, called or known by the names of Chettisham and Fordham Turnpike-Gates, together with the Toll-Houses near the said Gates, will be let by Auction for One, Two, or three years, as may be agreed upon by the Trustees present at the Meeting for the purpose of such letting; (that is to say) - the said Gate called Chettisham from the 10th July next, and the said Gate called Fordham gate from the 14th July next, to the best bidder, at the house of Mr. Hugh Boughen, called or known by the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Friday 30th April next, at the hour of Twelve noon, in the manner directed by the Act passed in the Third year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth. – "For regulating Turnpike-Roads"; which Tolls produced the last year as follows: that is to say, the gate called the Chettisham gate, the sum of £352; and the

Fordham Gate, the sum of £316, above the expense of collecting them, and will be put up at those sums respectively.

Whoever happens to be the best bidder must at the same time deposit into the hands of the Chairman the sum of Fifty Pounds, to be forfeited to the Trustees on non performance of the conditions of Letting, by which conditions among other stipulations, the Hirer will be required to pay two months in advance of the rent at which such Tolls may be Let; and give security at his own expense with sufficient sureties, to the satisfaction of the Trustees of the said Turnpike-road, within ten days from the day of letting, for payment of the rest of the said rent by prospective monthly instalments.
Dated 31st March 1847
H. R. Evans & Son
Clerks to the Trustees of the said Turnpike Road.

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Advertisement
We understand that the old established firm of Messrs. Harvey's and Hudson's of the Crown Bank, Norwich, have opened a Branch at Ely.

Ely Station
Already it is found out that the plan of the new station is not sufficiently extensive. Some inconveniences have been felt, and orders have, we understand, been given to lengthen it 60 feet more than it was originally laid out.

Cricket
We understand the members of the newly formed cricket–club at Ely have much pleasure in acknowledging the ready and handsome manner in which the gentlemen and inhabitants of Ely have come forward as honorary members and donors to support the funds of the club.

The number of members has also considerably increased, and a good season's sport is anticipated. Last week a match was played between the members of the club and eleven persons of the firm of Messrs. Butcher and Bard and other establishments, but the unfavourable state of the weather prevented the parties from playing more than one innings, which was decided in favour of the club, with several wickets to go down.

Paying for Fun
A foolish fellow, James Maile of Ely, in the 2nd instant; amused himself in driving his horse and cart backwards and forwards over the railways at Chettisham, at a time the train was due, preventing the gate-keeper closing the gate, and abusing him and the station-master also; placing in jeopardy the life and limb of her Majesty's subjects; for which offence he was summoned before the Magistrates, and very properly fined in the full penalty of £5.10s and costs.

Downham Jury
On Monday last, an inquest was held at Downham, before William Marshall, Esq., coroner, on the body of J. Crisp, aged 30, who had on the previous Wednesday been drinking at the Five Alls which he left between 6 and 7 o'clock in the evening, the landlord proving him to be neither fresh, drunk or sober, but a little mellow. He was seen going in the direction of Pymore, with a basket on his arm; no surprise was felt at his being absent from home, as he frequently left for three or four days. No more was seen of him until his waistcoat was found in a field by Stevens, of the steam Engine, and Wm. Miller, the landlord of the Five Alls, who on further search found him in a Clay-dike drowned. Three of the Jurymen were for a verdict of "found drowned", but the majority for a verdict of felo-de-se, it was recorded, and the body buried between 9 and 12 at night.

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Bedford Level Corporation

The General Annual meeting of this important body was held at the Shire Hall, Ely, on Thursday last, and very numerously attended. The proceedings although not of great importance were very interesting, the principle topic of course being that of the necessity of laying on one more tax, a general impression appearing to prevail amongst the Commonalty that the last tax had been levied. The attendance of the Board was unusually large. The Earl of Hardwicke was not present in consequence of being at Paris; the Hon. Eliot Yorke was prevented attending because he had been appointed Chairman of two railway committees; Mr Dobede was absent from severe domestic affliction; and Mr Tycho Wing from being engaged on railroad business. The following were present:--

J. B. S. Bradfield, Esq., in the chair, John Vipan, George Jenyns, Henry Martin, H. S. Waddington M.P., R. G. Townley, Hugh Jackson, Ebenezer Foster, J. S. Saberton, George Hall, Charles Culledge, John Seaber, Wm. Johnson, T. W. Granger, F. Edwards, Thos. Saberton, Wm. Nix, John Hibbert, jun., Thos. Vipan, and Edward Ball, Esqrs.

Mr Waddington proposed, and Mr H Martin seconded, that the thanks of the Board be given to his Grace the Duke of Bedford, the governor, for his very handsome present of the Stone Entrance into the Fen office which had been erected at his Grace's expense.

Mr Wells said it became the duty of the Corporation to prevent haling upon the Hundred Foot Bank. The practice had become a prevalent one, and it had been necessary to convict several parties. He read an order made in 1828 preventing haling on that part of the Hundred Foot Bank between Mepal and Denver Sluice. The Corporation had received £2,000 for the purpose of making that Bank, on condition that haling on it should cease. A similar order was made.

There follows a long account of the financial state of the Corporation, with Mr Archer's statement for 1847 to 1848 on Page 3, also election of Officers.

Sir Harry Smith

This gallant officer will shortly arrive in his native country. The express in anticipation of the overland mail from India, which reached London on Thursday night, brings intelligence that he was a passenger on board the "Bentick" from Calcutta to Suez.

Extraordinary Sale of Fen Land

The following lots of Freehold land were sold by auction by Messrs. Mumford and Casebow, at the Ferry-boat inn, in the parish of Southery, on Wednesday last

		£	S	D
Lot 1	Comprising a messuage or tenement, with stable, outbuildings, orchard and 5A 3R 19P of fen land in Southery, abutting on the High-road from Ely to Downham.	500	0	0
Lot 2	3A 2R 30P adjoining Lot 1 also abutting on the high-road	290	0	0
Lot 3	3A 2R 28P adjoining Lot 2 ditto	300	0	0
Lot 4	3A 2R 27P lying in Sedge Fen and adjoining Sedge Fen Grove	210	0	0
Lot 5	Common right on Methwold and Southery common	70	0	0
		1,370	0	0

Turnpike Road
Leading from Cambridge to Ely, and from thence to Soham etc, called "the South District".
Notice is hereby given, that the General Annual Meeting of the Trustees, will be holden at the White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Friday 14th May next at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to an adjournment from the last meeting.
Dated 22nd April 1847
H. R. Evans & Son, Clerks

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Marriages
On the 24th ultimo, at Christchurch, Surrey, (by the Rev. Watkin) John Brady, Esq., Surgeon, to Sarah Lavender Rayner, only daughter of the late John Rayner Esq., of Blackfriars Road, and of Ely.

On Wednesday last at All Saints Church, Cambridge, Mr Robert Randum Macrow, of the choir of Ely Cathedral, to Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr. Green Kempton, of the choir of King's College Chapel.

Robbing an Employer
On Tuesday the 20th ultimo., Charles Coy, aged 16, a native of the parish of Stretham, was charged before A. Pell, Esq., of Wilburton, with robbing his master Mr. Thos. Johnson, of the Bull Inn, Haddenham , of a purse containing £4. 12s. 6d. and remanded till the 26th when he was brought before the Very Rev. the Dean of Ely, and fully committed for trial.

It appeared that a fortnight previous to the robbery, the prisoner absented himself from Mr. Johnsons' service, nothing was heard of him till a week after the robbery, when he was brought back to his situation by his father. Suspicion could not easily fall upon the prisoner in consequence of his having left his masters' service; suspicion therefore fell upon the charwoman who usually waited upon the old gentleman in helping him to bed, he being 95 years of age and very infirm. PC Simpkin of Haddenham, hearing that the boy had been seen with an unusual amount of money a short time after the robber, immediately made inquiry how it was likely he could obtain such an amount; and the prisoner was taken into custody, when he stated that he was in Haddenham on the morning of the robbery, and watched his mistress opening the house; and well knowing what part of the house she was likely to be employed in at that time of the morning, immediately took off his boots and went up stairs, and drew the purse from the old gentleman's pocket, which was placed under his pillow. He was also fully committed for trial on a charge of stealing a watch from Mr. G. Tillinger, watch and clock maker, Ely, in October last. Too much praise cannot be given to Simpkin for his indefatigable exertions.

Landing of Lieutenant – General Sir Harry Smith
The inhabitants of the Isle of Ely, who take so just a pride in their gallant and distinguished countryman, Sir Harry Smith, will be glad to learn of his safe arrival in his native land. The Peninsular and Oriental steamer, "The Ripon" arrived at Southampton at half-past eight on Thursday morning, having on board 75 passengers first-class, amongst whom were the gallant gentleman and Lady Smith.

On the vessel entering the docks a salute of 17 guns was fired from the corporation platform; the Peninsular and Oriental Company's ships and many other vessels were decked out in their various colours, and the different public buildings had the Union flying. The American Consulate also hoisted the National Flag. The bells from the various churches sent forth a merry peal, and thousands of the inhabitants crowded the docks even at the early hour, to greet the hero of Aliwal.

He was received in form by the corporation of Southampton, accompanied by maces and insignia of office. The Mayor Mr. William James Lefeuvre then advanced and read a congratulatory address. To be found on page 3.

May 8 1847

Isle of Ely Adjourned Sessions

Will be holden at the Guildhall, in March, on Tuesday 11th May next, at Twelve o'clock, noon, at which day, and at which hour the business relating to the assessment, application, or management of the Isle stock or Rate will commence and be done and transacted in open court.

Hugh Jackson

Clerk of the Peace

Wisbech 27th April

May 15 1847

Ely Fair

Our stock fair was the largest ever known, and the amount of business done was considerable, and fully realises the anticipations of many who have looked forward to an immense increase of trade and business in Ely. The stride has been rapid, without any symptoms of a relapse; week by week does the business of our Cattle Market increase, both in fat and lean stock, and the weekly returns of our Corn Markets, notwithstanding several large buyers neglect to make returns, shew that as a Corn Market it is growing in importance, and bids fair soon to be second to none in the county. We may also congratulate the inhabitants upon the appearance of great improvements in the town: a supply of bricks is only required to bring into existence a number of houses, in the building of which we hope to see a little more taste displayed than has been in erecting some which are now regarded as offensive.

May 22 1847

Ely Cathedral

Our readers are aware that great alterations in Ely Cathedral have been in progress for many years. More than forty windows, which were wholly or partially closed up, have been opened: the south west transept, which was in a ruiness state and dangerous, has been completely repaired, and, with the lantern of the western tower, restored to the church: the choir, ante-choir, and galilee have been carefully cleansed from yellow wash and plaster, their dilapidated vaults repaired, and their marble shafts, capitals, corbels, and string-courses of their triforium and clerestory polished or replaced: the modern combination of woodwork and plaster has been removed from the east end of the choir, and the ruined tomb of Cardinal de Luxemburgh, which was concealed behind it, has been restored; various other reparations have been executed in the Cathedral and collegiate buildings connected with it. The Dean and Chapter now desire to extend the present choir westward as far as the great lantern, so as to include the three arches of Bishop Hotham; to throw open all the arches of the present choir to the side-aisles, restoring and bringing into view a magnificent series of monuments, as well s the monumental chapels of Bishops Alcock and West: to restore and polish the great marble piers of the choir and their capitals; to provide an enriched reredos and pavement; to separate the new choir from the lantern by a screen of rich and appropriate character; to remove the ancient stall work, with new subsellia and other fittings to the three arches of Bishop Hotham, etc. etc. The expense of the proposed works has been roughly estimated at £8,000 and the Dean and Chapter are now appealing to that portion of the public interested in the restoration of one of the noblest monuments of the national architecture for contributions in aid of their design. The Bishop of the Diocese head a subscription list with £500, the Dean and Chapter give, £1000, and the Canons give sums varying from £210 to £100.

New County Court

The first court was held in Ely on Saturday last, when near 60 causes were heard, and in almost every instance settled to the satisfaction of the creditor. To the trade this Court is looked upon as one of the greatest benefits ever conferred by the legislature, and it will be very useful in protective parties who have been frequently swindled out of their property by a class of persons who endeavour to appear respectable at other people's expense, but are never more than men of straw.

Sir Harry Smith, Bart, K. C. B.
Presentation of the Freedom of the City of London.
Full account on Page 3.

Ely
To be Sold by Auction
(by George Legge)
(Without reserve) at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Friday 28 may instant between the hours of 6 and 7 in the evening, subject to such conditions of sale as shall then be produced.
A Valuable Property
Situate in a place commonly called the "Butchery", and near Gaol Street, in Ely, consisting of a large brick built Messuage with 4 good rooms and a large attic, yard, and Cartlodge, and a Pump of most excellent water, now in the occupation of H. R. Evans.

These premises which were formerly an Inn called "The Five Bells" are well adapted for persons requiring roomy accommodation, either for habitation or warehouses, having good public approaches as well in front as in back. And being in hand, an arrangement can be made for immediate possession.

All Freehold except part of the Yard, which is copyhold of the Manor of Ely Porta.

Further particulars from the office of Messrs. Evans & Son, Solicitors.

Valuable Estates in Ely and Stuntney
To be Sold by Auction, by John Cross
On Thursday 3rd June next, at the Bell Inn, in Ely, at six o'clock in the evening precisely, by order of the Devisee in Trust for sale, under the will of the late Wm. Apsey Esq., deceased.

The undermetnioned most desirable Messuages, Building land, Convenient Paddocks, Fertile Fen and Pasture Grounds, and most productive Gardens.

In the following or such other lots as the vendor may determine at the time of sale.

In Babylon – Ely
Lot 1. Two Acres (more or less) of excellent pasture Land, abutting on the Back River, lying between land of Richard Scott, east, and Mrs Crudgington west, and now in the occupation of James Ward.
Freehold.
Lot 2. A Messuage and outbuildings, with 3R (more or less), of land attached, lying next the river north, the railway embankment south, Mrs Crudgington east, and the next lot west; the Messuage etc now in occupation of Wm. Sindall.
Lot 3. A piece of Land, convenient for building Storehouses and Granaries upon, containing 0A 1R 20P (more or less) lying next the River, with a frontage of 130 feet or thereabouts north last lot east, and next lot west, with Boatwright's Shop thereon.
Lot 4. A Messuage and Garden adjoining last lot east, river north, with a frontage of 75 feet or thereabouts, next lot south; late in occupation of Pratt Gotobed.
Lot 5. Another Messuage and Garden adjoining last lot east, river north, with a frontage of 75 feet or thereabouts, James Parsons south and west; in the occupation of Richard Sindall.
Lot 6. A Messuage lately used as a Granary and Lodges, with 1A 2R 0P of Land, (more or less) attached thereto, River north, railway embankment south, David Ellington Esq., and lot 8 west: this lot was late in the occupation of Messrs. Cross, merchants, and will be sold subject to a right of way to the next lot.

Lot 7. A piece of Pasture Land and Holt, containing 3A (more or less) lying beyond the Railway embankment, and between it and the back river. This lot will be entitled to a right of way across the last lot.
Lot 8. A substantial Messuage and Boatwrights' Yard, Lodges, Sheds, and Premises with a Garden behind the same, containing 3R (more or less) lying next the river north, the Railway embankment south, lot 6 east, and Mrs Crudgington west, now in occupation of Wm. Ashberry.
Copyhold of Ely Porta.

In Ely Town – House Property
Lot 9. A Messuage in Two Tenements near the Waterside, adjacent to Mr. Hawkes' dwelling house, with 1R of productive Garden behind the same: late in occupation of A. Appley and John Brown.
Lot 10. Two Messuages (adjoining) in Broad Street, now the principal and most improving thoro'fare in Ely, with lime kiln and Commodious Orchard behind the same, containing 2R 24P (more or less) lying next Cutter Lane north, Annesdale east, and a garden called Peacockes' garden (lately sold as building ground) south.
Copyhold of Ely Porta
Lot 11. A Messuage, near the Angel Public House, with a Garden behind the same, most conveniently situate, fronting the public road leading to the Railway Station north, and abutting on a back lane south; late in the occupation of John Page – Copyhold of Ely Porta
Lot 12. A Capital Messuage and Premises situate at the top of the Forehill in Ely, and immediately adjoining the Market Place: now in occupation of Miss Pekett.
Copyhold of Ely Porta
Lot 13. A Messuage and Premises in the Butter Market, adjoining to the new Corn Exchange; now in occupation of Robert Roberts, fishmonger – Freehold.
Lot 14. A Messuage, in Two Tenements, in Smock Mill Alley, in Ely, St Mary's Parish, with walled Orchard attached, containing 2R 31P (more or less) in the occupation of Philip Cross.
Copyhold of Ely Barton.

Lots 15 to 25 Property in Stuntney
To be found on Page 1. Col 6.

Lot 26. An Orchard in Downham Lane, described in the Court Rolls as half an acre (more or less) but containing 6A 1R 15P situate behind the Countess of Huntingdon's Chapel.
Copyhold of Ely Barton.
Lot 27. A Close of Pasture on the Downham road, near Raventree-way, containing 1A 1R (more or less) now in occupation of William Wathen.
Copyhold of Ely Barton.
Lot 28. A Garden or Orchard in Walpole lane containing 2R 29P (more or less), well planted with Fruit Trees, abutting on the Church yard of Ely St. Mary north Walpole lane south, now in occupation of Michel Dexter.
Copyhold of Ely Porta.
Lot 29. A most productive Garden planted with asparagus, etc., at Springhead, in Ely, containing 2A 2R 28P (more or less) abutting on the road leading to the common north Springhead lane west, late in occupation of Elizabeth Onion.
Copyhold of Ely Porta and Ely Barton.
Lot 30. A Messuage or Tenement, Yard and substantial Barn, in Newnham, with a well planted and productive garden, containing 1A 2R 18P (more or less) abutting on the road leading to New Barns north, and the common road South, and lying between a garden late Thos. Jarman west, and Lots 31 and 32 east, late in occupation of Wm. Kempton.
Copyhold of Ely Barton.
Lot 31. A Piece of excellent and well planted Garden Ground (to be staked out) containing One Acre, (more or less) abutting on New Barns road north, next lot south, last lot west, and lot 33 east.
Freehold.

Lot 32. A Piece of like Garden Land (to be staked out) containing One Acre (more or less) abutting on common road south, last lot north, lot 30 west, and next lot east.
Freehold.
Lot 33. A piece of like Garden Land, containing One Acre, with a Messuage and Buildings thereon, in the occupation of James Onion, abutting on common road south, next lot north, last lot west and lot 36 east.
Freehold
Lot 34. A piece of like Garden Ground containing One Acre (more or less) abutting on New Barns road north, last lot south, lot 31 west, and next lot east.
Freehold
Lot 35. A piece of like Garden ground, containing One Acre (more or less) abutting on New Barns road north next lot south, lot 34 west, and common lane east.
Freehold
Lot 36. A piece of like garden ground, containing One Acre (more or less) abutting on last lot north, common road south, lot 33 west, and common lane east.
Freehold.

N.B. The purchaser will be required to take the Timber and Timber like Trees on the several lots at a price to be named at the sale.

Lots 6, 7, 9 and 11, are in hand, possession of most of the other lots will be given at Michaelmas.

A plan of the Babylon Estate, and of the New Barns Garden may be seen at Mr. Marshall's office, of whom and of the Auctioneer, further particulars may be had.

May 29 1847
Death – On the 17th instant at Ely, aged 26, Ann, the beloved daughter of Mr. Billet Genn.

Awfully Sudden Death
On Monday last, at midday, Harriet, wife of Mr. Stephen Linton, grocer, of Haddenham, and fourth daughter of Mr. Edward Robertson, of Long Stanton, was confined, and apparently doing well till about 10 o'clock, the same evening, at which time the friends went downstairs to supper, and on returning found her dead.

The Rev. George Millers, Minor Canon of Ely, Rector of Hardwick, Cambridge, vicar of Runham, has just succeeded, under will, to the large real and personal estates of Miss Frances E. Millers, of Duddon Grove, Cumberland.

The personal property is estimated at £60,000. A Bequest of £2,000 to Buckham Brow School is the only other bequest.

At a Meeting of the Magistrates at March, on the 12th instant, Mr Lipscombe, a superintendent of the Isle constabulary, was appointed Keeper of the House of Correction at Ely, in the room of Mr. Scott, resigned.

Burglary
Sometime during the night of Wednesday, Mr. H. Claydon's house, of Witchford, in the isle of Ely, was broken open, and forty-four sovereigns and three pounds in silver were taken and carried away therefrom.

Appointment
Mr George Gray, of Armagh Cathedral, and formerly of Ely, has been elected one of the lay-vicars of Westminster Abbey.

Dinner to Sir Harry Smith at Whittlesey.
We have pleasure in announcing that an entertainment will be given on Thursday 1st July, to the gallant hero of Aliwal, in his native town of Whittlesey. It is hardly possible to conceive an occasion of greater interest than the return of Sir Harry Smith, to the place of his birth after so many years absence and crowned with so many laurels.

Cricket Match
On Tuesday last, a cricket match took place at Ely, between 11 resident members of the Wisbech and 11 resident members of the Ely clubs, and was won by the former in one innings and two runs to spare. Hammond the bowler on the Wisbech side, was much injured on the leg by one of Mr. Hogg's tremendous sharp-shooters.

Manea
An inquest was held on the 27th instant, by Wm. Pratt, Esq., coroner, on the body of John Moon, of this place, who was supposed to have been knocked down by the Peterboro'' and Ely 9h 17m a.m. train, on the 26th and killed. The deceased was very old and infirm, and quite deaf: and it is presumed he was crossing the line from one of the side gates at the time the train came up. No blame was attributed to the Eastern Counties Railway Company's servants, and a verdict of "accidental death" was returned.

Important to Farmers and Merchants
For Sale by Auction, by Mr. C. M. Bidwell
On the New Corn Exchange, on Thursday 10th June 1847 at three o'clock precisely (immediately after the Corn Market), in convenient lots.
One hundred and seventy-five Tons of
African and Peruvian Guano
and about Ten Tons of
Nitrate of Soda.
All in Bags of 1½ cwt. to 2 cwt. each.
Now landing from the import ships, at a public wharf in London, and for the convenience of purchasers will be delivered to their orders at any station on the Eastern Counties, and London and North Western Railways, within 100 miles of London, free of charge.

Catalogues may be had, on application by post, of the auctioneer, Ely, and at the principal inns in Cambridge, Newmarket, Bishop Stortford, Brandon, Wisbech, March, Whittlesey, Peterboro', Stamford, Oundle and Thrapstone.

Samples will be shown at the place of sale, and may be had if required of Mr. Bidwell, auctioneer and land agent, Ely.

The above being consigned from a house of the highest respectability, the Auctioneer considers this sale well worthy the attention of the public.
June 12 1847
Ely Cattle Market
Ten Coach Horses
To Be Sold by auction, by John Cross

On Thursday 17th June, 1847, at Eleven o'clock, on the New Cattle Market, Ely, the property of Messrs. George and John Hall. Ten very good and active Horses and Mares, which have been working the Wisbech and Peterboro'' Coaches.

The above horses are worthy of the public attention and they are well bred and in good working condition, and the Proprietors sell them in consequence of the Railroad having been opened.

Marriage – On Wednesday last, at Ely, by the Rev. Mr. Clay, Mr. John Langford, to Susan Goose. The bride was for upwards of 18 years the faithful servant of Mr. David Fortington.

Deaths
On Sunday last, at the Fen Office, after a tedious and painful illness, much respected and deeply lamented, Sarah Ann, the wife of Samuel Wells, Esq., the registra of the Bedford Level Corporation.

On Tuesday last, at Ely, aged 91, the widow of Mr. George Lack, late of Ely, Carpenter.

On Tuesday morning last, at Ely, in the 94th year of her age Mrs Trigg, mother of Mr. Trigg, of Fore Hill Academy, Ely.

Concert
On Wednesday evening Madame Castiglione gave a concert in conjunction with Mr. Macarthy, the celebrated delineator of Irish character, in the National School room, Ely. It was well attended, and the audience appeared highly pleased with the singing of the lady, and much amused with the humorous and talented sketches of Mr Macarthy in his "hour in Ireland."

Chatteris – Confirmation
On Wednesday the 2nd instant, the Lord Bishop of Ely administered the ancient and Scriptural rite of Confirmation to a goodly number of young persons of both sexes belonging to the parish. The morning service, including the Litany, was conducted by the Rev. Mr Gathercole, the vicar of the parish, and was succeeded by the Confirmation, after which his Lordship delivered a short but appropriate and excellent address to the young persons. The Bishop was so well pleased with the admirable conduct of the young people who were confirmed, and with the behaviour of the congregation altogether, that he expressed himself to the Vicar and the Churchwardens as highly delighted with his visit to the parish. This was the more gratifying, inasmuch as when Confirmation was last previously held in the Church, the conduct of certain parties was so disgraceful as to elicit from the late Bishop expressions of very strong disapprobation.

June 19 1847

Marriage – on Thursday, the 17th instant at the parish church of Wisbech St Peter's, by the Rev. the Dean of Ely, the Hon. Charles Frederick Octavious Spencer, youngest son of the late Right Hon Lord Churchill, of Cornbury Park, Oxfordshire, to Hester Eliza, eldest daughter of the Rev. H Fardell, Vicar of Wisbech, and Canon of the Cathedral church of Ely.

Death – On Tuesday last, at Ely, aged 67, Ann, the wife of M. John Luddington, veterinary surgeon.

Isle of Ely
Notice is hereby given that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at the Sessions House, in Wisbech, on Wednesday 30th June instant, at Ten o'clock forenoon, at which hour the chair will be taken; an all jurors, constables, and persons bound by

recognizance, and others having occasion to attend are required to give their attendance accordingly.

And notice is also hereby given, that the business relating to the Constabulary Force of the Isle, and laying a Police-rate towards defraying the expenses of the said Force will commence and be proceeded with immediately after the Grand Jury are sworn and charged; and after such business is disposed of, the business relating to the assessment or management of the Isle stock or rate will commence and be transacted in open court.

The Justices Clerks are requested to send the several depositions and recognizances to the office of the Clerk of the Peace at Wisbech, on or before the Saturday preceding.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech. June 14 1847

June 26 1847

We understand it is in contemplation to close the Banks and various business establishments in Ely on Tuesday the 6th July, on occasion of Her Majesty's visit to Cambridge.

Monday being the Anniversary of Her Majesty's coronation, a subscription has been made to get up pony and other racing at Ely. The prizes are numerous, and doubtless much merriment will be afforded, the vulgar fun having at request been dispensed with. Should the weather be fine a numerous company will no doubt be attracted.

July 3 1847

Death – On Thursday sen'night, aged 68, Mr. J. W. Cory, of the Lynn Road, deservedly respected, and regretted by a large circle of friends.

Escape from the Gaol

On Saturday morning last, a female prisoner of the name of Scrimshaw succeeded in effecting her escape from Ely Gaol by climbing to the roof of the privy, and from thence over the wall into the yard of Mr. Garrett. The unusual height of the prisoner aided her escape – her capture we have no doubt will speedily take place, prompt measures having been immediately taken.

Valuable Estate, Ely

To be Sold by Auction by George Legge

At the Lamb Inn, Ely, on Thursday 8th July next, at seven o'clock in the evening, a most valuable estate situate in a place called "Little Shell", in Prickwillow, near Ely, comprising 85 acres (more or less) of valuable Fen Land in a high state of cultivation, with a cottage and Barn standing thereon, and now in the occupation of Mr. John Hazelwood Burgess.

The above Estate is held under a lease from the Lord Bishop of Ely, for 21 years from Lady-day 1847, at an annual reserved rent of £2.1.3., subject to Eau Brink and District Drainage Taxes.

Possession may be had at Michaelmas next.

For further particulars enquire of Messrs. Evans & Son or of Auctioneer, Ely.

Wilburton Open Fields Inclosure

I Charles Muriel Bidwell, of Ely, in the Isle of Ely, in the County of Cambridge, the valuer acting in the matter of the inclosure of the Open Fields, situate in the parish of Wilburton, in the said Isle of Ely, hereby give notice that I shall hold a meeting on 20th July instant, at the Chequers Inn,

Wilburton, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving claims in writing from all persons claiming any common or other right or interest in the said Open Fields, and such claims must state the several particulars in respect whereof they are made, distinguishing the claims in respect of freehold, copyhold, customary, and leasehold property from each other, and mentioning therein the places of abode of the respective claimants, or their agents, at which notices in respect of such claims may be delivered. And I hereby further give notice, that this is the last Meeting which will be holden in the matter of the said proposed Inclosure for the receipt of claims.

Given under my hand this 1st day of July, in the year of our Lord, 1847
Charles M. Bidwell.

Isle of Ely Sessions
Held on Wednesday last at Wisbech, before the Rev. H. Fardell, Chairman, Rev. Gale Townley, Rev. Jeremiah Jackson, W. Metcalfe Esq., and other Magistrates.

The Chairman in addressing the Grand Jury, said that they might feel surprise at the number of youthful offenders, but parents were too regardless of the manner in which their children were brought up. He illustrated the observation by a case of three children having been brought before him for setting fire to a stack merely to see a blaze. Until parents were anxious to obtain instruction for their children, he feared that drunkenness and its consequences would still continue to appear in our courts. There were 21 indictments but none required any observations.
Prisoners

Henry Sharman (24) charged with stealing a sovereign, the property of Robert Curzan, of Littleport. Three months' hard labour.

William Young (43) charged with stealing three fowls, the property of Moses Gifford Oates of Sutton. Two months hard labour.

Charles Coy (12) charged with stealing a silver hunting watch, the property of George Fillinger, watchmaker of Ely.
Second charge – The same prisoner was then indicted for stealing a purse containing several sovereigns, the property of a person named Johnson, of Haddenham, in whose employ he had been. Verdict guilty. The chairman sentenced the prisoner to seven years transportation, pointing out the great depravity of a boy so young, and exhorting to good conduct in the event of the Court being successful in getting him admitted to the penitentiary.

Robert Nicholas (24) of Littleport was found guilty of stealing a hoe on 15th May, from John Brewer. One months' imprisonment and hard labour.

Isaac Parker, of Ely, charged with stealing a watch, money and other articles from Aaron Shepherd of Ely. Not guilty.

John Cornwell and John Taylor (each 15 years old) charged with stealing 9 sovereigns and other money from Wm. Oxborough, Littleport. Guilty 6 months' imprisonment and hard labour.

Joseph Cash, aged 17, labourer, Littleport, charged with stealing a pair of shoes and other articles from Abraham Caseman. Guilty, 3 months' imprisonment.

Thomas Missedine, aged 41, of Leverington, charged with stealing a bag and other articles, on 5th May, from Wm. How of Lynn. Verdict guilty, 3 months' imprisonment.

Wm. Higgins (15) and James Cuthbert (42) for stealing a warming pan lid from Robt. James Wales of Wisbech. The Jury found Cuthbert guilty, 1 months' imprisonment and hard labour, the boy was acquitted.

John Chapman and James Edwards, of Wisbech, charged with assaulting Wm. Thompson, on 14th April, and also for assault on Ann Thompson. Verdict guilty. Chapman six weeks imprisonment and fined £10. Edwards six weeks imprisonment and a fine of £2. For the assault of Ann Thompson, Chapman six weeks; imprisonment at the expiration to give £200 to keep the peace for twelve months; Edwards six months imprisonment and £5 bond same conditions.

Joseph Bedford, of Chatteris, pleaded guilty to stealing wearing apparel from Wm. Brooks. The prisoner admitted he had been convicted of felony at Huntingdon. Twelve months' imprisonment and hard labour.

Thomas Robinson, of Chatteris, pleased guilty of stealing a duck from Wm. Angood. It was stated that he had been imprisoned for housebreaking. Severn years' transportation.

Richard Smith of March, pleaded guilty to stealing a sack from James Smith, of Chatteris, on 2nd May. One week imprisonment and hard labour. For stealing two bushels of oats from John Fryer Esq., pleaded guilty, admitted two former convictions. Seven years transportation.

John Swift of March, pleaded guilty to stealing an adze, from Benjamin Salisbury of March. One months' imprisonment and hard labour.

Thomas Clark of Wisbech St Mary, aged 50, pleaded guilty to stealing a rule from Wm. Else. Seven days imprisonment and hard labour.

John Stanway, aged 19, pleaded guilty to stealing two shirts from James Woodcock, of Wisbech, six weeks imprisonment and hard labour.

Sarah Ann Berridge, aged 18, pleaded guilty to stealing a black silk neckerchief. Six weeks' imprisonment and hard labour.

Ellen Dunnicliff, aged 25, guilty of stealing a silk neckerchief from Rebecca Langman, of Wisbech on 14th June. Six weeks' imprisonment and hard labour.

Hannah Copeland aged 26, guilty of stealing a brooch and silk neckerchief from Thomas Palmer of Wisbech. Two months' imprisonment and hard labour.

July 10 1847

Attempted Suicide

On Tuesday a foolish servant girl, named Coatman, being anxious to go to Cambridge to see her Queen, asked her mistress, Mrs Eaves, but it not being convenient, she was refused. Shortly afterwards Mrs. Eaves went into the Lodge, and discovered her suspended from a beam, apparently dead, and with great presence of mind, cut her down. Dr Pearson endeavoured to bleed her, but not succeeding, placed her feet in scalding hot water, and, after some time found the vital spark had not flown.

Fatal Accident on the Eastern Counties Railway

On Thursday morning, the express up train from Stamford, which reaches Ely at 21 minutes past 7 a.m., when on a bridge over a drove about half a mile on the Ely side of the Hundred Foot River, got off the metals, and proceeded about fifty yards, when the ponderous engine became severed from the Train, rolled down the bank about seven feet high, and pitched bottom upwards into the earth. The sudden concussion and effusion of smoke, fire and steam, at this moment, produced the greatest alarm; and as the passengers crept from their carriages, the sight was truly awful. The engine driver, Thomas Staples, aged about 30, a very steady man, a teetotaller, was found lying dead under the tender, and could not, until assistance was obtained from Ely and Manea, be extricated. Happily, this was the only life lost, although there were some narrow escapes. Poor Staples leaves a widow and one child, and was a remarkably steady and careful man.

The Barton Estate – Ely

The Public are respectfully informed that the above Estate, so justly celebrated as one of the richest.

Grazing and Arable Farms

In the Isle of Ely, which lies nearly within a ring fence, and immediately adjoins the populous and thriving City of Ely, having excellent Corn and Cattle Markets, and is approached by Turn-pike roads and situate only a short distance from the Ely Station, and the River Ouze, now navigable for sea-bourne vessels, will be submitted to Public Auction, at Ely, by Mr. George Legge, sometime in the month of August next. The Estate consists of about

292 Acres of Land

with the requisite Farming Buildings, and a Bailiff's House and Cottage. It is held under the See of Ely for three lives. The lives are insured, and the Policies of Assurance will be sold with the Estate.

The farm is in the hands of unexceptionable tenants, who hold at very Moderate Rents, under leases which will expire at Michaelmas (old style) 1849. The Cottages and some pieces of Garden Ground are held under yearly Tenancies.

Descriptive particulars will be issued fourteen days previously to the auction, and, in the mean time, information may be obtained on application to Messrs. T & G Archer, Solicitors, Ely.

Bedford Level Corporation
Haling on the One Hundred Feet and Cradge Banks
Regulations as to Haling
Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of the powers and authorities vested in the corporation of the Bedford Level, in and by an Act of Parliament passed in the 52nd year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the Third, intitled "An Act for Embanking the Hundred Feet Washes, in the Great Level of the Fens called Bedford Level," It is Ordered, that Haling or Towing with Boats, Barges or Vessels, upon that part of the Hundred Feet River between Mepal and Denver Sluice, shall CEASE; and that all persons shall from henceforth hail upon the New Cradge Bank, between those places, in lieu and stead thereof.
By Order
Saml. Wells, Register
Fen Office Ely, 30th June 1847

July 17 1847

Building Ground and Investments, Ely
The Public are respectfully informed, that the sale by Auction of the Freehold Garden Ground, adjoining the Turnpike-road, and near the Station at Ely, (belonging to Mr. Wm. Foreman) will be set out in convenient lots and positively sold (without any reserve) at, or before Michaelmas next.

Further particulars of Messrs. Archer, Solicitors, or Mr. Matthew Scott of Ely.

Broad Street, Ely
Valuable Plots of Freehold Garden Ground
For Building
To Be Sold By Auction (By George Legge)
At the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 22nd July instant between the hours of 5 and 7 in the evening, subject to such conditions of sale as shall be then and there produced.
The following Plots of Garden Ground in Broad Street.
Now become the most improving thoroughfare in Ely, and leading directly from the railway Station to the heart of the city; and in Ship-lane adjoining Broad Street. The above are part of a Garden Ground, in the occupation of Mr. Luke Cornwell, Gardener. Viz:-
Lot 1. A Plot of Ground in Broad Street, aforesaid, adjoining the messuage of the said Luke Cornwell on the South; containing in width next Broad Street 41 feet and in depth 114 feet.
Lot 2. Another Plot of Ground in Broad Street, adjoining Lot 1 on the south, and Ship Lane on the north, containing in width next Broad Street 41 feet, and in depth 114 feet.
Lot 3. Another Plot of Ground in Ship Lane aforesaid adjoining Lot 2 on the west, and next lot on the east containing in width next Ship Lane, 27 feet and in depth 126 feet.
Lot 4. Another Plot of Ground, in Ship Lane aforesaid adjoining Lot 3 on the west; and next lot on the east containing in width next Ship Lane 27 feet and depth 126 feet.
Lot 5. Another plot of ground in Ship Lane aforesaid adjoining Lot 4 on the west, and next lot on the east; and containing in width, next Ship lane 27 feet and in depth 126 feet.
Lot 6. Another plot of ground in Ship lane, adjoining Lot 5 on the west, and lot 7 on the east, containing in width next Ship Lane 27 feet and in depth 126 feet.
Lot 7. Another plot of ground in Ship lane, adjoining lot 6 on the west, and the premises of Mr. John Worster, on the east, containing in width next Ship Lane 30 feet and in depth 126 feet.

Lot 8. Another plot of ground in Winfarthing Lane, next the premises of Mr John Worster, on the north; the next lot on the south, and containing width next Winfarthing Lane, 31 feet and in depth 47 feet.
Lot 9. Another plot of ground in Winfarthing lane, next lot 8 on the north; and the premises of Wm. Harlock Esq., on the south, and containing in width next Winfarthing lane, 31 feet and in depth 47 feet.

The Lots are all stumped out, and may be seen by permission of the tenant, and printed Particulars with a Plan of the whole ground may be had seven days previous to the Sale, of the Auctioneer, and at the offices of Messrs. Evans and Son, Solicitors, Ely.

Marriage – On the 13th instant, at St James Church, Emsworth, in Hampshire (by the Rev. H. W. Shepherd) William Saberton, Esq., of Witcham, Isle of Ely, to Louisa, only daughter of Mr. John Harris, of Southsea.

The Late Fatal Railway Accident
The adjourned inquest on the body of Thomas Staples was holden yesterday at the Lamb, Ely, and the proceedings excited the greatest interest. Several passengers and men connected with the line were examined, and the general result of the evidence was that the train was going about 30 miles an hour (being a little behind time), and that no particular jerk was observable in passing over the fen country. A plate-layer deposed to the sinking of the road in the part where the accident happened, which was not in so perfect a state of repair as he could have wished.
July 24 1847
The Accident on the Ely and Peterboro' Railway
We have been favoured by Mr. Marshall, the coroner, with the following correct copy of the verdict of the jury in this inquiry:-
"We find that the said Thomas Staples came to his death on the 8th July instant, near to a place called Straight-furlong Drove, in the parish of Downham in the Isle of Ely, by being crushed between the tie rod of the axle-guard of a break van (which was attached to a train travelling upon the Ely and Peterboro' line of railway, where it passes through the said parish of Downham) and the railway embankment; and we further find that the accident which led to the death of the said Thomas Staples was occasioned by some part of the train running off the line by reason of its being propelled at too high a speed, considering the subsidence of the embankment at the place of the accident, the same having been allowed to settle without being made up as much as seven inches from the standard in a distance of only 67 yards; and we cannot separate without expressing our decided opinion (after the difficulty experienced by us in investigating this case) that it would conduce more to the public safety (although no doubt at some expense of the public convenience) if whenever an accident like the present one occurs it should be incumbent on all railway authorities to leave the line undisturbed until it has been viewed either by a coroners' jury or a Government Officer."
July 31 1847
Ely Cathedral
We beg to call the attention of our readers to the list of subscriptions for the enlargement of the choir and other restorations in Ely Cathedral, which appears in another part of our paper. The efforts which have been made by the Dean and Chapter, during several years to restore this noble fabric, have excited an uncommon degree of interest amongst all the admirers of our ancient and truly national institution, but the extent and costliness of the works to be executed precluded all hope of their completion, at least within any reasonable period, without the assistance of the friends of the Church generally, and more especially of the members of the University, of the Clergy and proprietors of the county and diocese, and of other persons connected with the Cathedral by local and other associations: we are very glad to observe that the call which has been addressed to them for this purpose has already been very liberally responded to.

To Brewers and others,
Broad Street, Ely
To be Sold by Auction by John Cross.
At the Bell Inn, Ely, on Thursday, 12th day of August, next, at seven o'clock in the evening (subject to such conditions of sale as will then be produced) the following Valuable Property. Viz:-
A Messuage in Two Tenements, situate on the lower side of Broad Street, in Ely, now in the occupation of John Boyden and Wm. Webb, together with the piece of Garden Ground lying behind the said Messuage as the same premises contain a Frontage next Broad Street of 27 feet and a depth of 98 feet and are bounded on all sides thereof (except on the side next the said street) by the estate of Wm. Harlock, the elder, of Ely aforesaid, common brewer.
Copyhold of Ely Porta. Quit rent 3s. 4d.

N.B. the increased and increasing value of all property in Broad Street (which is already the most important thoroughfare in Ely) is a fact now so well known and admitted as to make it almost unnecessary to remind the public of it.

Possession may be had at Michaelmas next.

Further particulars of Mr. Marshall, Solicitor, Ely or of the auctioneer.
August 7 1847
Cawdle Fen, Ely
Twenty head of Cow Stock
Four Mares, three foals, three Fillies
Useful farming implements
Dairy Utensils
To be Sold by Auction
By George Legge
On the Premises in Cawdle Fen, on Wednesday 11th August at 12 o'clock.
The property of Mrs Dent who is about relinquishing her Farm.
The whole will be sold without reserve, and three months' credit given on approved joint security for bargains of £5 and upwards.

Cricket
The cricket match which was played on Friday last, at Ely, between the Ely and Huntingdon clubs, terminated in favour of the former, with 52 runs to spare.

Rise of Eastern Counties Railway Fares
Much dissatisfaction prevails in the Isle, in consequence of this company having so materially enhanced the carriage of goods, in some instances for exceeding the rate formerly charged by the old road carriers, which has induced many to order their goods to be forwarded by water carriage via Lynn. If the railway cannot exist without charging so high a rate for transmission of heavy goods, the navigation interest will sustain no injury by the opening of the Lynn line; indeed we have watched the progress of the Commissioners and facts now prove they have proceeded in the right direction in obtaining depth enough for sea-borne vessels, the number of which rapidly increases; and no doubt if the plan is vigorously carried out we despair not of seeing in a few years vessels of a much larger burden feeding the rail, not only increasing the Tolls, but greatly improving the drainage; but we cannot see the justice of continuing the present high rate of Tolls: it is certain the navigation has for many years paid more than its quota; probably a diminution has been anticipated upon the opening of the rail, but experience teaches that there is no reasonable grounds for such apprehension. We say reduce the Tolls at once, and no railway can compete with your navigation. The Norfolk Company with the whole of the coal traffic cannot carry under 1½d, per ton per mile, a recent advance having lately taken place notwithstanding they have the whole of the transit of

passengers and merchandise confined to them exclusively. Why not take the step which justice demands? The Lynn company dare not provide an expensive supply of trucks, engines, etc., without a prospect of a remunerating freight, and all the world knows 2s. or 2s 3d. per ton 28 miles carriage will afford no dividend for the shareholders.

A world or two on behalf of the travelling community who so frequently wend their way to town. But a few years ago a civil deserving man, Hazle drove his "bus" and charged passengers but half-a-crown to Cambridge, providing them with a stuffed seat from thence they could go to London for 6s., obtaining a view of the country, crack a joke with jaroy, and profit by the journey. Now-a-days a middle man must be crammed into a dirty, dusty, hard-seated second class carriage, with a number of "the Lord knows who", at a charge of 3s or 4s more than he formerly paid. No one will wish the company to carry under such prices as will pay them a fair rate of interest for the money embarked for the interest and comfort of the public; but to be overtaxed for the forcing a rise in the marketable value of shares is not to be endured.

August 14 1847

Isle of Ely Adjourned Sessions

Will be holden at the Guildhall, in March, in the said Isle, on Tuesday 17th August instant, at 12 o'clock noon, on which day and at which hour the business relating to the assessment, application, or management of the Isle Stock or Rates will commence and be done and transacted in open Court.

Hugh Jackson

Clerk of the Peace

Lynn and Ely, Ely and Huntingdon and Lynn and Dereham Railway Companies.

Notice is hereby given, that, on the ninth day of August 1847, the above named Companies ceased to exist as separate undertakings, and became amalgamated into a new Company, called the "East Anglian Railways Company", and Holders of Shares in the three first named Companies, became, by virtue of the Amalgamation Act, Holders in the New Company.

The Lynn and Ely and Lynn and Dereham Shares will be distinguished as "East Anglian £25 shares;" the Ely and Huntingdon Old Shares will be distinguished as "East Anglian £18 shares;" and the Ely and Huntingdon New Shares will be distinguished as "East Anglian £3.10s Shares."

In all future Deeds of Transfer, the shares transferred must be described as shares in the "East Anglian Railways Company", and the distinctive name assigned to each particular Class of Share must be carefully adopted in the Transfer.

The Transfer Books will be closed from this day until the 31st August instant.

The Proprietors are requested to deposit their sealed Certificates with the Secretary of the East Anglian Railways Company, at No.2 Walbrook Buildings, London, in order that they may be exchanged for Certificates under the Seal of that Company.

Dated 10th day of August, 1847

W. W. Williams, Secretary

August 21 1847

The Barton Estate at Ely

Will be submitted to Public Auction

At the White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 9th September next at six o'clock in the evening, by Mr George Legge.

Particulars containing a Plan and description of the Estate with conditions of sale are ready for delivery, and may be had on application to the Auctioneer, or to Messrs. T. & G. Archer, solicitors, Ely.

August 28 1847
Ely Union Contracts
The Board of Guardians of the above Union give notice, that they will, at their Weekly Meeting at the Union Workhouse in Ely, on Thursday 2nd September next, receive Tenders for supplying the said Workhouse and the Out-door Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief Districts with the following articles, from 16th September next for 13 weeks.
Good thirds Flour, at per stone.
Good Bread made of same quality Flour (24 hours old) at per 4lb Loaf.
Good Beef, (Clods, Stickings or Brisket without bone)
For Quarters of Mutton, and Suet, at per stone.
To be delivered at the said Workhouse at such times, in such quantities as the Board of Guardians shall order, and to be supplied to the Paupers in every parish in such quantities as shall be expressed in tickets issued by the Relieving Officer.

Also for such quantities of Provisions and Clothing as may from time to time be required at the said workhouse from 16th September for twenty six weeks.
Provisions
Cheese, Rice, Oatmeal, Moist sugar, Salt, and soda at per stone
Butter, Tea, and Dip Candles, at per lb.
Peas, at per coomb; Ale at per gallon; Coals at per ton
Turf at per 1,000
Clothing
Strong grey Army Cloth, for old mens' suits
Fustian, for boys suits and twilled calico for lining,
Flannel for wearing, Flannel for shrouds
Hemp, Calico, Blue Stripe, and Chambry, at per yard.
Mens', Womens', Boys' and Girls' strong knitted Worsted Stockings, at per pair
Worsted at per lb.
Cocoa-nut fibre, at per cwt.
Samples must be produced at the Meeting.
Conditions and Instructions same as last meeting.
September 4 1847
Woodhouse, Ely, Cambs
Mr. C. M. Bidwell, begs to inform his agricultural friends and the public that he has received instructions from William Layton, Esq., (The Estate being let)
To Sell By Auction, on the 5th and 6th days of October next.
All his truly valuable and extensive assortment of Live stock and Agricultural Implements, particulars of which will appear in future advertisements.

Death – on the 15th July, en route to Bombay for embarkation for England, Captain R. G. Townley, of the 10th Hussars, eldest son of R. G. Townley Esq., M.P. for this county. Capt Townley, in consequence of ill-health, had exchanged from the 10th Hussars to the 16th Lancers, stationed at Brighton.

Isle of Ely Police Intelligence
William Howell, of Ely, travelling fiddler, "or anything else as happens" was charged by Ann Gray, of Manea, with violent assault and beating, although two months had elapsed the marks were still visible, but Mrs Gray, "having got over it!", said she had no wish to hurt the man. The bench therefore after some deliberation, during which Mr Howell seemed to be exceedingly uneasy both in mind and body, ordered him to pay 16s costs, and conduct himself properly for the future = "Oh!

Dear, that I will; I'm sure I will; you'll never see me again," said William Howell, whose better half was called forward, and handed over the "needful", and do doubt thought themselves lucky in getting off so, for the defendant had evidently made his arrangements for a few months at the treadmill.

September 11 1847

Ely St Mary's
8 Horses, 2 Milch Cows, 4 Waggons, 4 Carto, Harness for 10 Horses,
Dairy and Brewing Utensils, and useful agricultural implements.
To be Sold by Auction
By C. M. Bidwell
On Friday 24th September, 1847, at eleven o'clock, the property of Mr. John Harlock, who is retiring from the business.

Ely
To Merchants, Maltsters and Brewers
Free Public House
With Lime Kiln, and Mercantile Premises
To be Let, in one lot, or in Two Lots.
That well known Free and Commodious Inn, called "The Cutter", now in full trade, situate on Ansdale Quay, next the river Ouze, and near the Railway Station, comprising two good parlours, a billiard room, a hall, two kitchens, bar, bakehouse, two beer cellars and washhouse; with seven good bedrooms, and two large attics; Garden, large Yard, Stables for eight horses, and convenient lodges and sheds; together with a valuable Lime Kiln, and Clunch Lodges adjoining. Also a Dwelling-house connected therewith called "The Cutter Tap", situated in Broad Street, comprising a Kitchen, capital arched cellar, liquor shop, 3 bedrooms, Garden, and convenient outbuildings.

Likewise an extensive and substantially built Malting with a thirteen quarter step, Malt Kiln, Malt Chambers and Granaries over the same; and a Cottage adjoining.

The Premises extend from Broad Street for the whole length of Cutter Lane, down to Ansdale Quay, and the River Ouze, (which is now navigable for Keels,) and are situate within a very short distance of the Railway Station; and they are inclosed with gates, and subject to no interruption but a right of roadway for the owner of the premises lying on the north side of the Malting.

The Property is well worth the attention of any active spirited and respectable person.

The whole is in excellent repair and possession may be had on the 11th October next.

For further particulars apply to Messrs. Evans & Son, Ely, where a plan of the property may be seen.

Broad Street, Ely
To Coal and Corn Merchants, Boatwrights, Brewers, and others
To be Sold by Auction
By John Cross
At the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 23rd instant, at seven o'clock in the evening, the following Most Valuable Mercantile Premises
comprising a substantial brick-built and tiled Messuage, situate in Broad Street, in Ely, with Granaries, stables, outbuildings, Garden, Orchard, and appurtenances; abutting next Broad Street, west, the river east, and lying between premises of Mrs Crudgington north and Messrs. Hall, south, now in the occupation of Wm. Sparrow and his under tenant.
Copyhold of Ely Porta. Quit rent 5s.

The messuage contains a shop and two rooms on the ground floor with a large upstairs sitting room, four bedrooms, and an attic. The granaries are capable of containing 1,500 coombs of corn. There is also a stable for six horses with a chaff-house attached, and hayloft over. A boatwright's slip-way and a workshop adjoin the river, besides an orchard and Garden belonging to the Messuage. There is also a Cottage and Garden rented at £4 10s by Wm. Coulson. The premises possess a frontage of 69 feet next the river, next Broad Street of 33 feet, and a depth from west to east of 600 feet. They occupy an area of altogether 2R. 38P.

The property will be sold subject to an Annuity of £40, payable quarterly to Mrs. Sarah Smith, widow, (aged 72 years next birthday) for term of life, and possession may be had at old Michaelmas.

N. B. The Estate from its ample dimensions and capacious Granaries, etc., its proximity to the River and the Railway Station, and its position in so great a thoroughfare as Broad Street, offers an opportunity to a Coal or Corn Merchant, Maltster, Boatwright, or Brewer, seldom to be met with.

For further particulars inquire of Mr. Wm. Sparrow, who will shew the premises. Mr. Marshall, solicitor, Ely, or the Auctioneer.

September 18 1847

To Merchants, Brewers, Builders and Capitalists
Eligible Investments
Near the Railway Station, Ely
To be Sold by Auction
By Matthew Scott and George Legge
(who are jointly concerned on this occasion)
At the White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Thursday, 30th September at five o'clock in the afternoon, and subject to such conditions of sale as shall then be declared.

All that very desirable Plot of Freehold Ground, situate within 200 yards of the Railway Station, at Ely, in the immediate vicinity of the Navigation and New Docks, and in the most improving locality of the above rapidly increasing town, with extensive frontages next the Broad Street and Back Hill, the two main lines of communications with the Railway Station, and having also frontage next Ansdale, which is immediately contiguous to the River Ouze, lately rendered navigable for sea-borne vessels.

The above most Valuable Freehold Property, hitherto known as "The Stone-walled Garden", and containing in the whole 1A 2R 0P (more or less), will be sold in most convenient lots, arranged expressly for Building purposes, and for which its advantageous situation renders it highly suitable, whether with a view to the erection of business premises or agreeable residences.

Particulars of the lots and further information may be had of the Auctioneers, or of Messrs. T & G Archer, Solicitors, Ely.

Birth – On the 8th instant, at Lynn, Mrs T. G. Archer, of a daughter.

Ely Market

At our market on Thursday, a large number of buyers and sellers attended, Millers and Merchants buying with spirit, and a large amount of business was transacted; in many instances from 8s to 9s per quarter for wheat was obtained over last week.

Cricket

On Wednesday last the Ely Cricket club played their closing match for the season between the playing and honorary members. After an interesting and well contested game the latter were declared the winners. At the conclusion the club partook of an excellent dinner at the White Hart Inn, after which several fresh members were admitted to the club, which bids fair to rival some of the best in this part of her Majesty's dominions.

September 25 1847

Ely

The Directors of the Yorkshire Fire and Life Insurance Company beg to announce that they have appointed

Mr Charles S. Morris

of the Crown Bank, their agent for Ely. The attention of the Public is requested to the distinction made by this Company between Male and Female lives.

It having been found be experience, that the average duration of life amongst females is greater than that of males, the rates have been reduced accordingly.

Manor Farm, Wentworth, near Ely.

George Legge respectfully informs his friends and the public, that he has received instructions from Mr. John Green, who quits his occupation at Michaelmas next, to sell by Auction, on Friday 15th October next.

All the valuable Live and Dead Stock, on the above named Farm.

Notice is hereby given, that William Cooper Esq., the Barrister appointed to revise the Lists of Voters in the election of Knights of the Shire for the County of Cambridge, has appointed Courts to be held for the Revision of such Lists, so far as respects the Isle of Ely, at the places and times, and for the several districts after mentioned.

At the Sessions House, Wisbech, on Tuesday 28th September instant at eleven o'clock

At the Falcon Inn, Whittlesea, on Wednesday 29th September instant at ten o'clock

At the Sessions House, in the City of Ely, on Thursday 30th September instant at ten o'clock, in the forenoon, for revising the said Lists, for Downham, St Mary in Ely, the Holy Trinity in Ely, Littleport; in the Hundred of Ely.

Coveney, Haddenham, Mepal, Stretham, Sutton, Thetford, Wentworth, Wilburton, Witcham, Witchford; in the south part of the Hundred of Witchford.

Chatteris, Manea, Welches Dam; in the north part of the Hundred of Witchford.

And for all other parishes, hamlets, or places in the said Isle (if any) not hereinbefore enumerated.

Hugh Jackson

Clerk of the Peace for the Isle of Ely.

Manor Farm, Wilburton, Isle of Ely

George Legge and C. M. Bidwell (jointly engaged on this occasion) respectfully announce that they have been favoured with instructions from William Martin, Esq., who is retiring from business and quitting his occupation at Michaelmas next, to sell by auction, on Friday 22nd October, 1847.

The whole of the Valuable Live Stock and Agricultural Implements on the above named Farm.

Ely, September 20th

It is confidently expected that the sale of freehold land near the station at Ely, to take place on the 30th instant, will lead to great improvements in this locality. The lots are large and convenient, with backways, yards, gardens etc., and well calculated for houses of business, and good residences. The new lines of railway will necessarily create a great demand for property of this kind.

The Lynn and Ely will be finished in a few days. The Huntingdon and St. Ives line is now in progress, and Bury and Newmarket will shortly follow in the train.

Hughe's splendid establishment visited Ely last Friday, and had a large concourse of visitors, who were highly gratified at the superb and extraordinary display. The performance took place in the new Cattle Market, whilst the nuisances which always follow were allowed to settle in the old Market, the inhabitants of which had old "Bartholomew" in miniature, with its din and noise. There were men and women calling, to the height of their voices, persons to see their wonders; firing of blunderbusses, men hallooing, women screaming, dogs barking and howling; in short, the scum and filth of the city were attracted close to the Post office, to insult with their obscene language the respectable people who went thither for the posting their letters. We were more surprised at this, as the projectors of the Market obtained shares and subscriptions with the understanding that nuisances of this description should not be allowed in the centre of this respectable city.

Ely Cathedral
We understand that three gentlemen have lately expressed their wish to present each a handsome stained glass window towards beautifying and restoring this cathedral; and a fourth has offered to present another, if a friend of his can obtain from the laity of the city a sum sufficient to purchase a corresponding window. The required sum is only £80, and a subscription of 10s each has been set on foot, and many Dissenters as well as Churchmen, have readily responded to the call.

October 2 1847

Ely St Mary's
8 Horses, 4 Milch Cows, Donkey and useful
Agricultural Implements
To be Sold By Auction, by C. M. Bidwell
On Wednesday 13th October, 1847 at 12 o'clock, on the premises of Mr. John Harlock, in St Mary's Street, who is retiring from business.

Valuable Church Preferment, near to Ely
Messrs. Farebrother Clark and Lye, will sell by auction, at Garraway's, Change Alley, Cornhill, London, on Wednesday, November 3rd at twelve (unless an acceptable offer is previously made by Private Contract).

The next Presentation (subject to the life of the Incumbent, aged 77 years) to the Rectory of Coveney-cum-Manea, situate about six miles from the Cathedral town of Ely, in Cambs; consisting of a good Parsonage House, with Offices, Coach House, Stabling, and Garden, with about 35A of Glebe Land, and the Tithes of the parishes which have been commuted for a rent charge of £1,070 per annum.

Particulars may be had 21 days prior to the sale, at the Lamb Inn, Ely; Bull Cambridge; Angel, Oxford, and Messrs. Frere, Foster, Goodford and Cholmeley, Solicitors, 6 New Square, Lincoln's Inn, at Garraways, and of the above first named.

Revising Barrister's Court
The Barrister for revising the List of Voters for the Isle of Ely, attended at Ely on Thursday last. The business did not excite the least interest; some of the Overseers did not attend, and the only duty required of the Barrister was to strike out the names of the dead.

Diocesan Missionary Meeting in Ely

On Wednesday last a meeting of the Clergy of the Diocese of Ely, in aid of the Missionary Societies of the Church, was holden in the Shire Hall, in that City.

The Bishop of Ely presided, and there were present the Bishop of Melbourne, the Dean of Ely, the Master of Trinity, Professor Scholefield, and clergy from all parts of the Diocese. A number of ladies also attended, and the Hall was well filled. The purposes of the meeting were the following:-

I. To bring together from all parts of the Diocese those who desire to further the great work of preaching the Gospel of Christ to the world.
II. To offer up united prayers in the Cathedral Church of the Diocese for the Divine blessing on this holy work.
III. To receive reports of contributions to the four Societies of the Church. – the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, the Church Missionary Society and the Society for the Conversion of the Jews.
Full account on Page 3 column 1.

Education – St. Mary's Street, Ely

The Misses Legge respectfully announce to the Inhabitants of Ely and its vicinity that it is their intention, on the 11th October next, to open an Establishment for the Instruction of Young Ladies in the various branches of useful Education, having engaged for that purpose the house recently occupied by Mr. John Luddington. In earnestly soliciting the patronage of their friends in support of their undertaking, the Misses Legge beg to assure them it will be their constant study to promote the best interests of the Pupils entrusted to their care.

Terms for Board and Education may be had on application. A Lady, or two sisters, may be accommodated with Board and Residence.

October 9 1847

Sale of Land at Ely

The piece of land adjoining Ansdale Broad Street, and the road leading to the Station, containing 1A 1R 21P was on Thursday last sold by auction by Messrs. M. Scott and G. Legge, and realised the sum of £1,408. We hardly know what this once-neglected end of the city will come to, for as soon as the Lynn, Huntingdon and Bury lines of railway shall be somewhat nearer completion, we have authority for stating the 14 acres of land adjoining the Railway Station (only a fence between), belonging to the same proprietor, Mr. Wm. Forman, of Huntingdon, will be set out for building purposes, and sold by auction. A terrace and square can be most advantageously arranged, besides many other desirable plots and sites. This part of Ely must necessarily very much improve.

October 16 1847

Death – On Friday 8th instant, at Ely, Mr. Michael Baxter, butler. He was for many years Quartermaster-serjeant of the Cambridgeshire Militia.

Lynn and Ely Line

This line has this week been inspected by the Government Surveyor, and is expected to be open for traffic next week.

Inquest

On Saturday last an inquest was held at Ely, on the wife of Wm. Aspland, better known as "Shiner", who in the forenoon of that day hung herself.

Shortly after Mr. Aspland had left home, deceased was seen at the door. He had ordered a steak, on taking which to the house the man could not make anyone hear. A neighbour came up, and walked up stairs where she found decease suspended from the bedstead quite dead. She had for some time been in a low way, and had made some ineffectual attempts before. Verdict "Temporary insanity."

Isle of Ely
Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at the Sessions House, in Ely, on Wednesday 20th October instant, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at which hour the chair will be taken; and all jurors, constables, and persons bound by recognizance, and others having occasion to attend are required to give their attendance accordingly.

And notice is also hereby given that the business relating to the Constabulary Force of the Isle, and laying a Police-Rate towards defraying the expenses of the said Force, will commence and be proceeded in immediately after the General Jury are sworn and charged, and after such business is disposed of the business relating to the assessment, application, or management of the Isle Stock or Rate, will commence and be done and transacted in open court.

The Justices Clerks are requested to send the several depositions and recognizances to the office of the Clerk of the Peace, at Wisbech, on or before the Saturday preceding.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace

Wilburton Open Fields Inclosure
I Charles Muriel Bidwell, of Ely, in the Isle of Ely, in the County of Cambridgeshire, Valuer acting in the matter of the Inclosure of the Open Fields situate in the parish of Wilburton, in the Isle of Ely, hereby give notice that I shall hold a meeting, on Tuesday 9th of November next, at the Chequers Inn, Wilburton, at eleven o'clock forenoon, for the examination and determining of claims in the matter of the said Inclosure, and for the attendance of all parties concerned therein.

Given under my hand this fourteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord 1847
Chas. M. Bidwell
Wm. Marshall, Clerk to the Valuer.

Important Agricultural sale at Ely
470 Sheep, 17 Horses, 25 Welsh Beasts,
15 Superior short-horned Cows, and a
General Assortment of Farming Implements.
To Be Sold by Auction
By George Legge and C. M. Bidwell,
(jointly concerned on this occasion) on the premises in St. Mary's parish in Ely, on Wednesday October 27th at eleven o'clock precisely.

The Property of Messrs. W. and H. Wayner, who are reducing their business; without reserve.

Catalogues may be had at the White Hart, Newmarket, George, Chatteris; Crown, Soham; Bell, Mildenhall; Castle, Downham; Unicorn and Fountain, St Ives; Eagle, Cambridge, and of the Auctioneers Ely.

Refreshment will be provided for the Company.
October 23 1847
Marriage – On the 20th instant, at Richmond, Surrey, (by the Rev. Wm. Selwyn, Canon of Ely) the Very Rev. the Dean of Ely, to Frances Elizabeth, youngest daughter of William Selwyn, Esq., Q.C.

Death – in London, on the 17th instant, aged 41 years, Mary, the wife of Mr. John Dawson, draper, etc., Ely; she was the last of a numerous family of 27 children, of Mr. Rd. Worster, Ely.

October 30 1847
Haddenham
Cropley v Clay
This action, which had been referred to arbitration came on before Joseph Little Esq., the arbitrator at Ely, on Tuesday last. Mr. Archer appeared as counsel for the plaintiff, and Mr Naylor for the defendant. The action was brought for damages for cropping 69 acres of land, hired by the defendant of the plaintiff contrary to the custom of the country, and for removing the straw and manure off 42 acres.

To make out the plaintiff's case, Mr Brand and Mr. H. Porter, the present tenants, were called, and then Mr. H. Moseley. The latter gentleman's evidence went to show that if the land had been cropped according to the mode he should adopt, there would be a loss in the first year of £200; but an objection was raised to this evidence by Mr. Naylor, which the arbitrator reserved. For the defendant several farmers of Haddenham were called, who proved that Mr. Clay farmed and cropped the land in the manner customary in that part of the country, and that he had so much improved it, that they thought Mr. Cropley ought to pay him money rather then he should pay anything to Mr. Cropley. As to the removing the straw and manure, the same witnesses proved that Mr. Clay had no straw and manure on the land when he took it; and that under such circumstances it was always the custom for the tenant to remove the manure, etc., when he least; so much so, that it had become a saying in that part of the country – "As you take so you leave." The arbitrator postponed his judgement. Attorneys for the plaintiff, Messrs Archer, Ely, for the defendant for Justinian Adcock, Cambridge.

Ely Fair
So great is the attendance of stalls, bazaars, booths, shows, etc., that there is not room for the required number of standing in the new large Cattle Market; hence the approaches thereto are filled with stalls. As the principal fair days are next week everything promises an increased attendance of visitors, and as a matter of course much business will be done; already there is no lack of thieves, several robberies having been committed before the Fair.

Caution against using Sleeping Medicines for Children.
On Tuesday last Mrs Rumblelow, of Littleport, was committed to take her trial at the next Cambridge Assizes for manslaughter. She had an only child aged about twelve months old, to which she administered a quantity of laudanum for the purpose of sending it to sleep; the dose being too powerful caused death.

The Irresponsible Sale of Poisons
The Irresponsible Sale of Poisons by illiterate shop keepers, and the fatal use to which such drugs have recently been put, particularly at Manea, in this county, has given rise to more than one suggestion for rendering the crime of poisoning more difficult of perpetration and more easy of detection.

A druggist at Ely has published the following particulars of a plan adopted by him. He says "I have for some time past kept a register of persons to whom I have sold arsenic. I enter it in my day-book, and require a witness, and the oblige the purchaser, (or, he not being able to write, the witness) to sign his name; I then post it in my ledger under the head "poison", and it will at all times be open to the inspection of a properly authorised person from the police or coroner, but not to the idly curious.

I consider that this will be a preventative; for a person requiring it for an improper purpose would refuse to sign, and I should immediately give notice to the proper parties. I have invariably every since I first stood behind the counter, required a witness. If therefore, before I began my register, I

had sold arsenic to a purchaser having a felonious design, there would have been the witness to the purchase to "split."

November 6 1847

Ely Corn Exchange

The Farmers attending Ely Market are earnestly required to attend a Meeting at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday next, the 11th instant, at twelve o'clock, to take into consideration and advertisement signed by several Merchants and Millers attending the said Market announcing their intention on and after this day to charge a Month's Discount upon all purchases of Grain and Seeds made by them of the growers.

On Thursday night (last week) the mail train, near Ely, killed 27 sheep which had strayed on the line.

Assault on Railway Passengers

On Wednesday evening, on the arrival of the 6 o'clock down train at Ely Station, the attention of the policeman was called to a man, apparently mad, who had commenced a furious and unprovoked attack upon the passengers in the carriage. It appeared he had been lying on the seat, and on some parties getting into the carriage, he got up and began to belabour his fellow passengers most unmercifully, making the blood fly in all directions.

He was speedily removed from the carriage by the police, who found him a troublesome customer, for he was no sooner on the platform than he set about beating Mr. Newell, the Station Master, which rendered it necessary to put him under confinement; and having spent a quiet night in the cage, he was astonished to find himself in such a place under such a charge. He was brought before the magistrates, where he appeared to be a respectable man, on his way to Cawston, in Norfolk, to visit his uncle, and stated he had had only one glass of brandy, and was "subject to a determination of the blood to the head." The justices very properly applied a remedy, it is hoped, by fining him the full penalty of £5, and in default of payment he was locked up for two months.

Indian Cows

We are informed by a correspondent at Ely, that Mr. George Legge, auctioneer, has in his possession two very fine Zebus or Indian Cows. They were purchased in April, 1846, since which time each has produced a calf, by a short-horned bull, the calves are "remarkably handsome", and the climate appears to suit the animals well.

November 13 1847

The Farmers and Merchants of Ely

The Merchants and Farmers who attend the Ely Corn Exchange are at issue on the subject of discount, the Merchants having expressed their determination in future to be allowed a months' discount at the rate of £5 per cent upon their transactions in corn at the Ely market, and having signified their intention by advertisements in the Cambridge papers, a meeting was held on Thursday last by the farmers of the Isle, at the Lamb Inn, Ely, to take the subject into consideration.

There was a large assemblage comprising many of the most influential agriculturists who attend the market, among whom we observed, Messrs. Layton, Martin (2), Porter (2), Saberton (2) Rayner, Cropley, Harlock, Westrope, Cutlack, Fuller, Jones etc. etc.

Mr Layton was unanimously called to the chair, and in opening the proceedings of the day, he congratulated the meeting upon the large assemblage. He expressed his astonishment at an advertisement which had appeared in the Cambridge newspapers, signed by the Merchants alluding to the Ely Market, expressive of their determination to exact a discount upon their corn transactions with the farmers, and which he said, if submitted to, would make a difference of £500 a year to the farmers attending the market ("more"). The system of discount was not carried on in many of the

surrounding towns, among which he might mention Cambridge, St. Ives, Huntingdon, Newmarket. They had met there to resist the measure which ought never to have been attempted to be introduced. He then alluded to a letter which had appeared in a Cambridge paper the day before, signed by J. and W. Cross, in which unjustifiable use had been made of his name.

Mr. C. Moseley, proposed the first resolution (for which see advertisement) He said from the quantity of corn he sold in Ely Market the submitting to the discount would amount to a very large sum in the course of the year. He hoped every farmer would pledge himself to resist the system.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Henry Martin, and supported by Mr. Saberton, Mr. Thomas Granger, Mr. H. Rayner, Mr. James Cropley, Mr. W. Martin, and the chairman, who severally denounced the system of discount, and called upon the farmers to strenuously resist it.

Mr. Layton, at the conclusion of the meeting alluded to the erection of the Corn Exchange, at a considerable expence, and he did hope, to have met with a different response from the merchants; he wished it to go forth to the public by means of the press, that if the interests of Ely should suffer by the attempt to introduce the discount system, it would not be the farmers who were to blame, but the merchants.

The resolution was carried with one dissentient, Mr. W. Haylock, a large farmer, who said the question was not whether the system was new, and might not be tolerated, but whether it was just. It was then agreed to insert the resolution in the newspapers, a vote of thanks was passed upon the Chairman, and the meeting broke up.

November 20 1847

It is in contemplation to erect a church at Prickwillow, which although in the parish of Ely Trinity, is five miles from the town; and at times the roads between the two places are almost impassable. The dissenters not unmindful of the fact, have erected three chapels there, one Baptist, one Wesleyan, and the other Primitive Methodist.

Last week Messrs. Farebrother sold a valuable Church Preferment, near to Ely, Cambs., being the next presentation to the rectory of Coveney-cum-Manea (subject the life of the incumbent, aged 75 year) consisting of a parsonage house, etc., 44 acres of glebe land, and the tithes of the parishes commuted into a rent-charge of £1071 12s 3d per annum. - £5,000.

November 27 1847

Ely Union

Resident Schoolmaster and Schoolmistress wanted

The Board of Guardians give Notice, that, at their Meeting to be held at the Board Room of the Union Workhouse at Ely, on Thursday, ninth of December next at 11 o'clock, they will be prepared to decide on applications from Candidates for the Office of Resident School master and Schoolmistress of the Union Workhouse.

The candidates must be Man and Wife of middle age, without children, and must attend at the Board with Testimonials of their ability and general fitness.

The Salary will be £25 to the schoolmaster, and £20 to the schoolmistress, with Board Lodging in the Workhouse.

The Guardians do not pledge themselves to appoint any of the candidates.
By Order of the Board.
W. Marshall, Clerk.

The Discount System

We are sorry to learn that the disagreement between the Merchants and Farmers attending Ely market remains unadjusted, to the great detriment of business and the fostering of divisions and unpleasant feeling. Whilst things remain in their present state it is clear that only a comparatively small amount of business will be transacted on the Ely Corn Exchange, for the farmers wont sell to merchants who exact discount, and the merchants wont buy unless discount is allowed. For the sake of all parties we grieve that this matter should have been introduced. Every tradesman doubtless is bound to look sharply after his own business, and to advance it by all fair and legitimate means; but there is one point in this controversy which must strike all impartial men as rather hard upon the farmers. Why was the proposed innovation introduced at this particular period, when farming produce tends downwards, and the prospects of the farmers are anything but encouraging? If the merchants had made their attempt to get this discount when wheat was at 100s a quarter, they would probably have had more public sympathy, or, which is the same thing, the public would have been less disposed to regard their attempt with an unfriendly eye. We wish somebody or other would cut the gordian knot, and restore equanimity.

Turnpike Road
Leading from Lamb Corner, in Ely, to the Chequer Corner in Downham, in the County of Norfolk, called the "North District".
In pursuance of a requisition from two of the Trustees of the said Turnpike road, Notice is hereby given, that a Meeting of the said Trustees will be holden at the White Hart Inn, in Ely, aforesaid, on Monday 6th December next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of Letting the Tolls arising at Scotting's Bridge, Turnpike Gate, together with the Toll-house belonging thereto, and on general business.
H. R. Evans & Son
Clerk.

December 4 1847

Ely – Discount Question
We give the following dialogue between two farmers resident near Ely.
G. Well how did you get on today? Did ---- people take the discount for the corn you sold 'em last week?
M. Yes, they would have it, and said I did not pay promptly for the lot of cake I bought six or seven weeks ago had I paid the following week, they would have allowed me a discount; besides, they say I take ready money for my corn, but they have to trust sometimes for cake etc.
G. Then you took 19s 11d for a sovereign; a fine composition: a pound was always worth 20s, and if I sell anything, I will have all I agreed for. It is not honest to rip off what they call a trifling discount: you know this would more than pay my boy's schooling in a year.
M. It is hard. When I began business I got no return for my capital for more than 12 months. The merchant buys his commodity, sells it, then turns his money over many times a year; but we cannot turn ours over more than once. Again, the merchant buys his cake with some months' accommodation, for which he has to pay; but he calculates all payments in the cost of his article, and charges accordingly, and before the money becomes payable, most of his cake is gone, and the money taken; therefore, if they take the money before he has to pay it away, he works it, and can afford a discount.
G. But why are some of them so tenacious?
M. Why, according to the news, money is not so easily to be had, and more has to be paid on overdrawn accounts and a greater discount given to the bankers on bills.
G. So if they have not got money enough to carry on their trade, we poor farmers have to help to pay the interest on the money for which we sell our corn. It that is it, I think the weakest will go to the wall. The man who has got the money will take the first opportunity to work it, and be content with a single profit, because, as moneyy markets go, they that have not the ready means being only able to realise one profit, which is swallowed up by paying for accommodation; unless he can work a discount out of us he had better stand still.
M. Exactly so, or they will get it where they can, for hallooing Cross says he will accommodate, and but either with or without a discount, others say they care nothing about it, and I think

neighbour P--- sold his 100 bushels of wheat a fortnight ago 1s a bushel less to a non-discounter than he could have had of a discounter. But this will find its level, and they will get it where they can; so that is all about it.

Drunkenness

A melancholy occurrence arising from drunkenness, took place on Tuesday night last. A poor fellow, Michael Hall, a brewer's man about 35 years of age, on leaving an ale-house at Ely, about nine o'clock, intoxicated, is supposed to have taken the wrong way, and walked off the quay into the river. He was not found until the next morning; he leaves a wife and six children. This is the fifth instance in the course of a short time that we have had to record a premature death arising form the abominable excess of drink.

It is not long since Sir Harry Smith pass a high eulogium upon the temperate habits of our countrymen, but it is to be feared that the present town of his native isle little deserved his praise. The law imposes a penalty of five shillings, or six hours in the stocks, for the first offence, and sureties for the second. Why it is not enforced in Ely as well as at Chatteris and other parts of the isle is difficult to discover, as the consequences have been most appalling. It would surely be a much more philanthropic duty to see a justice and policeman employed in stopping the dreadful crimes and misery occasioned by men who reel and stagger about the streets of this city, than to prosecute delinquents for the much more harmless offence of riding upon waggons the horses not having reins.

December 11 1847

Ely Market Discount Question

A Meeting held in the Cattle Market, in Ely, on Thursday 9th December, at which many farmers were present, they desired to contradict in the most unqualified manner, the Statement recently published, that the System of business the Merchants are desirous of adopting has been established in Ely Market; and they declared their unaltered determination to refrain from selling Corn in Ely Market under any Engagement for an allowance of Discount.

James Cropley, Chairman

A long list of farmers present page 3 col. 5.

December 18 1847

Death – On the 16th instant, at Ely, in the 26th year of her age, deeply lamented by her family and friends, Emma, eldest daughter of Mr. David Fortington.

Marriage – At Ely, on the 14th instant Mr. Thomas Pashler, to Miss Benstead.

The Discount Question

We are glad to report that a temporary settlement of this vexata questio has been made. In consequence of the strong feeling of the principal farmers attending Ely Market, it has been determined that the question of discount, shall rest in abeyance for three months, that is, until April next year, in the hope that in the "interim" some arrangement may be made, and the question finally settled without those divisions and bickering which have unhappily prevailed of late.

December 25 1847

Death – At Ely, on Monday last, Mr. Arthur Bland, formerly a member of the choir of Ely Cathedral.

Turnpike Road

Leading from Cambridge to Ely, and from thence to Soham, etc., called the South District.

In pursuance of a requisition from two of the Trustees of the said Turnpike road, Notice is hereby given, that a Meeting of the said Trustees will be holden at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Wednesday 29th December next, at Eleven o'clock, for the purpose of letting the several Tolls arising at Ely and

Stretham, Town Sutton, and Witcham, Soham and Stretham Ferry Turnpike gates, together with the several Toll-Houses belonging thereto respectively, and on general business.
H. R Evans and Son, Clerks.

January 1 1848

Ely Fields Inclosure

We the undersigned, Thomas Utton, James Jones, and William Noel Jackson, the Commissioners appointed for inclosing the open and common Fields in the parish of St. Mary, in Ely, in the Isle of Ely and County of Cambridge, under the powers of an Act of Parliament passed in the sixth and seventh years of the reign of his late Majesty King William the fourth, for facilitating the Inclosure of open and arable Fields in England and Wales, do hereby give notice that we have appointed a meeting of the Commissioners appointed for the said Inclosure to be held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Friday 7th January next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding further in the execution of the powers severally contained in the said Act, and in a certain other Act of Parliament therein referred to and passed in the forty-first year of the reign of King George the Third, and in any other Inclosure Acts now in force, and applicable to the above mentioned Inclosure.
Dated twenty-first day of December, 1847
Thos. Utton
James Jones
Wm. Noel Jackson.

Ely

The prisons at Ely, Wisbech and Swaffham, are unusually crowded at present, scarcely having accommodation for any additions to the number of their unfortunate inmates.

Ely Corn Market

It will be seen by the return of the produce sold at this market on the first market-day after the abandonment of the discount question that the business of this market is not on the decline, and the hopes expressed by parties in some of the local journals as to the anticipated results being so beneficial to Lynn, and its railway is not likely to be realised or to trouble the shareholders or their servants. If Lynn people wish to foster a trade with this district their merchants must attend Ely Market, the limits of its business in not confined within the return, it is calculated that the amount of transactions for seeds, cake, etc., for the past year exceeds £100,000 to say nothing of the increasing business of the stock and meat markets.

Isle of Ely

Notice is hereby given that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at the Sessions House in Wisbech, on Wednesday 5th January next, at Ten o'clock forenoon, at which hour the chair will be taken; and all Jurors, constables, and persons bound by recognizance, and others having occasion to attend are required to give their attendance accordingly.

The business relating to the Constabulary Force of the Isle, and laying a Police-Rate towards defraying the expenses of the Force, will commence and be proceeded with immediately after the Grand Jury are sworn and charged, and after such business is disposed of, the business relating to Isle stock or Rate will commence and be done and transacted in open Court.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech December 20 1847

January 8 1848

Death – On the 30th Ultimo, aged 81 years, Mr. Wm. Sindle, farmer, of Burnt Fen, near Ely.

Marriage – On the 4th ultimo, at the parish church of Downham, (by the Rev. Henry Cole, of Clare Hall, Cambridge, and Highbury, London) William Martin, Esq., second son of Henry Martin Esq., of Littleport, to Anne, eldest daughter of George Cook, Esq.,, of Downham.

Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions
Were holden at Wisbech on Wednesday last, before the Rev. W. G. Townley, the Rev. H Fardell, the Rev. J. Jackson, the Rev. T Fardell, T Bowker Esq., C. Smith Esq., R. G. Townley, Esq., T. Wing, Esq., C. Metcalfe Esq., etc.

Prisoners

George Rickwood, of Ely, for stealing a piece of pork from Ruth Lester, of Ely. Guilty, two months' imprisonment.

Jeremiah Campling of Ely, pleaded guilty to stealing a piece of cloth from John Seymour. One months' imprisonment and hard labour.

Charles Bates, of Ely, charged with stealing a pair of shoes from Jonathan Cross. Guilty one months' imprisonment.

January 15 1848
Death – On Thursday last, 13th instant, at Ely, Miss Sarah Vaughan, aged 81 years.

St Mary's Street, Ely
The Misses Legge beg to announce to their friends and the public, that the duties of their school will be resumed on Tuesday 18th instant.

Classical and Commercial School, Fore Hill, Ely
Mr. W. Trigg, with gratitude to his friends for their kind encouragement and support, respectfully announces that the duties of his school will be resumed on Thursday 20th January.

Burnt Fen First District
Payment of Taxes
Notice is hereby given, that the Commissioners for draining the First District of Burnt Fen Lands, did, at a Half-Yearly Meeting, holden at the Lamb Inn, Ely, on Thursday 25th March 1847, assess, rate, tax, and charge all and singular the Fen Lands and Low Grounds within the said district with a Tax of ninepence per acre, and a gradual acre Tax not exceeding one shilling and sixpence per acre, and a further gradual acre Tax, not exceeding Three shillings per acre, on each and every part of the said fen lands and low grounds, and so in proportion for any less quantity than an acre; and that the said several taxes have been ordered by the said Commissioners to be paid to us as their Receivers, at our office in Ely within the month of February next. And notice is hereby also given, that any person liable to payment of the rates and taxes, and omitting to pay the same to us for Twenty days from the 28th day of February, will forfeit and be required to pay by way of penalty, the sum of Three shillings and Fourpence for every 20s, of the rates and Taxes which shall be in arrears and so in proportion for any less sum.
T. & G. Archer,
Clerks and Receivers to the said Commissioners

January 22 1848
Marriage at St. Mary's, Ely, on Saturday last (by the Rev. S. Smith) Mr. J. H. Smith, relieving officer, to Elizabeth eldest daughter of the late Mr. H. D. Pope, schoolmaster of the former place.

January 29 1848
Marriage at Ely, on the 24th instant, Mr. Ellis Hills, jun., to Mary eldest daughter of Mr. Wm. Southby.

Association for the prosecution of all kinds of Felony within the

Hundred of Ely and South part of the Hundred of Witchford.
Notice is hereby given, that the Annual Meeting of the members of this Association, for the purpose of passing the Agents' Accounts, and Enlarging or Rescinding the present Rules and Orders, if necessary, will be held at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Saturday 5th February next between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock.
H. Pigott, Agent

Eau Brink Drainage
Meeting of the Eau Brink Drainage Commissioners was held at the Lamb Inn, Ely, on yesterday, Friday at eleven o'clock. Chairman, the Rev. A. Peyton.

The principal business for discussion, was a motion, notice of which had been duly given by Wm. Eagle, Esq., "That all or a sufficient portion of the old channel of the River Ouze be sold, to discharge the debts of the Eau Brink Drainage Commissioners, with a view to the reduction of the tax upon the lands subject to the Eau Brink Drainage tax.
Full account on Page 3.

Sir Harry Smith
By the latest accounts from the Cape of Good Hope, we learn that Sir Harry Smith was daily expected at the seat of his government.
The following address was lying for signature in the Commercial Exchange, Cape Town, and will be presented to the gallant general after he had been sworn into office.
"To His Excellency Lieutenant General Sir Harry Smith, Bart, G.C.B. Governor of the Cape of Good Hope etc.etc.
"We the undersigned, merchants and inhabitants of Cape Town, seize the earliest opportunity of presenting to you, sir, our hearty congratulations on the safe return of yourself and your excellent lady, to this colony, where your past services and her ladyship's kind attention, have been and ever will be, remembered with gratitude and affection.
It is a source of pride and gratification to the colonists to possess the high privilege of having the hero of Aliwal for their governor, and to enjoy the advantage of Sir Harry Smith's talents, promptitude, and experience in the management of their border policy, on the retirement of the distinguished and indefatigable officer whom he has been appointed to succeed.
Although, Sir, you will find our barbarous neighbours a formidable enemy than when you taught them at once to fear and respect you, yet we confidently rely upon the abilities of your head and heart for enabling you eventually to combine the permanent peace and safety of the frontier, with the progressive, moral and social improvement of the native tribes of Southern Africa.
We hail your return amongst us as the harbinger of better days, and we fervently pray that your Excellency and Lady Smith may live many happy years, and enjoy richly the favour of a merciful God, the well earned rewards of your country and the esteem and affection of the people of the Cape of Good Hope."

February 5 1848

Deaths at Ely
On the 2nd instant, at the residence of Mr. Henry Balls, jun., Ebenezer Scott, aged 43 years, the respected servant of Henry Balls, Esq., of Panton House, Cambridge, in whose service he faithfully discharged his duty for twenty-four years.

On the twenty-nine ultimo, at Ely, aged 61, Mrs Mary Watts.
On Monday, 31st ultimo, Mr. J. Chamberlain, butcher.
On Tuesday last, Thomas, the infant son of Mr. William Harlock, jun.

Arrival of Sir Harry Smith at the Cape.

We have received Cape of Good Hope papers to the 4th December inclusive, which bring us the gratifying intelligence of the safe arrival of Sir Harry Smith, the new Governor, and suite, in the Vernon, on the 1st of that month.
He appeared in excellent health and spirits, and met with a cordial reception from all ranks and classes of the people. Sir Harry proceeded at once to Government House where he was duly "installed" into office. In the evening Cape Town was brilliantly illuminated as a mark of respect, when the streets were filled with moving columns of orderly people, highly delighted with all they saw and heard.

February 12 1848

Death at Ely – On Sunday last, aged 80, Catherine, relict of Mr. Wm. Cole, formerly of Ubbeston Hall, Suffolk, and mother of Mr. Cole, Surgeon, Ely.

Funeral of the late Mrs. Allen

On Tuesday last, the remains of Margaret, relict of the late Dr. Allen, Bishop of Ely, were deposited with those of the late Bishop, in the choir of Ely Cathedral. The funeral was attended by most of the Canons, and a large concourse of people assembled to hear the solemn service performed.

Ely Cathedral

A new stained-glass window for the south transcept of the Cathedral, the munificent gift of the Rev. E. B. Sparke, and which is the third donation of the like nature from that gentleman, is about to be put in. The subject is the leading transaction of Joseph's life: it is executed in a very masterly style by a celebrated continental house.

February 19 1848

Turnpike Road

Leading from Cambridge to Ely and from thence to Soham, etc., called "The South District".
In pursuance of a requisition from Three of the trustees of the said Turnpike Road. Notice is hereby given, that the general annual Meeting of the said Trustees, will be holden at the White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Wednesday 15th March next, at Eleven o'clock and notice is hereby also given, that at the said Meeting new Trustees will be chosen to supply the vacancies in the said Trust, occasioned by death or otherwise.
Dated the 17th day of February 1848
H. R. Evans & Son, Clerks

Turnpike Road

Leading from the Lamb Corner, in Ely, to the Chequer Corner in Downham in the County of Norfolk, called the "North District".
In pursuance of a requisition from Three of the Trustees of the said Turnpike Road. Notice is also hereby given that the General Annual Meeting of the said Trustees, will be holden at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Monday 13th March next, at eleven o'clock forenoon; and Notice is also hereby given that at the said Meeting new Trustees will be chosen to supply the vacancies in the said Trust, occasioned by death or otherwise.

February 26 1848

To Builders and Others

Persons desirous of contracting for the building and completing of six additional Alms Houses about to be erected next the present Alms-houses in Saint Mary's parish, in the city of Ely, with the Works attached, may see the plans and specifications, at the office of Messrs. T. & G. Archer, Solicitors, Ely, on and after the twenty-eight day of February next.
Tenders in writing for the above may be transmitted to Messrs. Archer, on or before the ninth day of March next, addressed to the "Governors of Parson's Charity, Ely."
The lowest Tender will not necessarily be accepted and the Governors reserve the liberty of rejecting all the Tenders. The parties tendering do so at their own cost.

An Honest Act

Mrs Taylor, one of the principal legatees under the late Miss Vaughan's will, previously a very poor woman, immediately on receipt of the first monies, went to Mr. Henry Rickwood, of whom she frequently had flour, and paid a forgotten bill which had been standing 36 years, when flour was 5s. 6d. per stone.

March 4 1848

Death at Ely – On Sunday last, aged 60, much deservedly respected, Robert Stevens, Esq., M.D. On the same day, Frances Simpole, aged 22 years.

Ely Union Contracts

The Board of Guardians of the above Union, give notice, that they will at their Weekly meeting at the Union Workhouse in Ely, on Thursday, 9th March next, receive Tenders for supplying the said Workhouse and the Out-door Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief Districts with the following articles from 16th March next inclusive, for thirteen weeks.

Good Thirds Flour, at per stone

Good Bread, of same quality Flour (24 hours old) at 4 lb loaf.

Good Beef, (Clods, Stickings, or Briskets, without Bone)

To be delivered at the said Workhouse at such times, and in such quantities as the Board shall order, and to be supplied to the Paupers in every parish in such quantities as shall be expressed in tickets issued by the Relieving Officer.

They are also desirous of contracting for such quantities of the undermentioned articles as may from time to time be required at the said Workhouse, from the 16th instant for twenty-six weeks.

Provisions etc.

Cheese, Rice, Oatmeal, Moist Sugar, Salt, and Soda, at per stone

Butter, Tea, and Dip Candles, at per lb

Peas, at per coomb; Ale, at per gallon; Coals at per ton; Turf at per thousand.

Clothing etc.

Strong Grey Army Cloth, for old men's suits;

Fustian for boys' suits; and Twilled Calico, for lining same,

Flannel for wearing, Flannel for Shrouds;

Hemp, Calico, Blue Stripe, and Chambery, at per yard.

Men's, Women's, Boy's, and Girls strong knitted Worsted Stockings, at per pair;

Worsted at per lb. Cocoa-nut Fibre, at per cwt.

Sealed Tenders indorsed "Tenders for Bread and Flour", or as the case may be, to be sent to me (free of expense) and samples must be produced at the Meeting.

Tenders for Bread and Flour must be delivered at my office the night previous to the meeting, otherwise they will not be received; other Tenders may be delivered on or before nine a.m. of the 16th instant.

Contractors to give such security for the performance of their contract as the Board may require; but the Guardians do not pledge themselves to accept the lowest or any of the Tenders, and Contractors are particularly required to take notice that the Relieving Officer's Duty is to settle with them every week, for all goods ordered by them.

N. B. All persons having any demands upon the above Union, are requested to send in their Bills to me on or before the 22nd March next, containing full particulars of the articles furnished, or work done, under the orders of the Board, up to and including the 15th instant, accompanied with the orders themselves.

By Order of the Board

William Marshall, Clerk.

March 11 1848

Burnt Fen District

Notice is hereby given, that a General Half-yearly Meeting of the Commissioners acting in execution of the Acts of Parliament now in force for the Drainage of the above District, will be holden at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday, 30th March instant, at twelve o'clock noon.

T & G Archer,

Clerks to the Commissioners.

Elections of Guardians of the Poor
Ely Union

I, William Marshall, Clerk to the Guardians of the Poor, of Ely Union, with reference to the ensuing Election of Guardians of the Poor for the several parishes in the said Union, do hereby give Notice.

1 That the number of Guardians of the poor to be elected for the parishes in the said Union, is as follows:-

Parishes	No of Guardians	Parishes	No of Guardians
Ely Trinity	Six	Stretham	One
Ely St Mary	Three	Wilburton	One
Littleport	Three	Mepal	One
Downham	Two	Witcham	One
Witchford	One	Coveney	One
Haddenham	Two	Wentworth	One
Sutton	Two	Thetford	One

2 That any person not otherwise disqualified by law, who shall be rated to the poor rate in any parish in the Union in respect of Hereditaments of the annual rental of Twenty pounds, is qualified to be nominated for the office of Guardian at the said Election, by any person then qualified to vote.

3 Nomination of Guardians must be made according to the form below, which is the form prescribed by the Poor Law commissioners. Such nominations must be sent on or before the 27th March, to me at my office in Ely, or to Mr. Thomas Charter, Relieving-Officer, Haddenham; who alone are authorised to receive the same. Nominations sent after that day, or sent by any other persons will be invalid.

4 That I shall, if more than the above-mentioned number of Guardians be nominated for any parish, cause Voting Papers to be delivered on 6th April, at the address in such parish of each ratepayers, owner, and proxy, qualified to vote; and that on the eight day of April, I shall cause such voting Papers to be collected.

5 That on the tenth day of April, I shall attend at the Board Room of this Union, at the hour of Ten in the forenoon, and that I shall on that day, and, if necessary, the following days, proceed to ascertain the number of votes given for each candidate.

6 Any person put in Nomination for the Office of Guardian may, at any time during the proceedings in the election tender to me, in writing, his refusal to serve the office; and the election, so far as regards that person will be no further proceeded with.

Form of Nomination Paper

Parish of _____ _____ Union

This _____ day of _____ 184__

Names of Persons Nominated to be Guardians	Residence of the Persons Nominated	Quality or Calling of Persons Nominated.

_____

I, being _____ duly qualified to vote in the parish of _____ nominate the above to be Guardian (or Guardians) for the said parish.

_____ Signature

_____ Address of Nominator

Note – Only one person is empowered to sign this paper, and after the word being must insert (a Ratepayer) of (Owner of Property) according to his qualification

Given under my hand, this ninth day of March, 1848
W. Marshall
Clerk to the Guardians of the Poor of the Ely Union.

Ely – Rich Pasture, Arable and Wash Land
To Be Let on Lease
By John Cross
On Thursday, 16th March instant, between the hours of Six and Seven o'clock in the evening, at the Bell Inn, in Ely, (subject to such conditions as will then be declared)

Lot 1. 5A 3R 38P (more or less) of Arable Land, lying in Middle Fen in Ely; abutting on the Middle Fen bank and Foreland, and lying between the grounds of Henry Lawrence and James Palmer, now in occupation of Thomas Stubbings.

Lot 2. 7A 1R 16P of like arable Land, lying in Middle Fen, in Ely, next the Overfall Mill, now in occupation of Thomas Stubbings.

Lot 3. 15A 3R 31P of Wash Land, lying in Ely, near to the Overfall Mill, now in the occupation of Thomas Stubbings.

Lot 4. 2A 3R 35P of Wash Land, in Ely, lying behind Babylon between a Wash of John Cross and a holt of Richard Scott.

Lot 5. 7A 2R 4P of Rich Pasture Land, lying in the Cresswells, in Ely, close to the town, between Springhead Lane, and the embankment of the Eastern Counties Railway, with the wind Drainage Mill thereto belonging, now in occupation of Jas. Cuttriss.

Lot 6. 3A 1R 29P being a very productive and Convenient Close of Pasture, near Spring Head, commonly called "Second Close", now in occupation of James Cuttriss.

Lot 7. 22A 3R 8P of Rich Pasture Land, situate in the Hundred Feet Washes, in Ely; abutting West on the 100 feet river; East of the Old Bedford River; and lying between lands of Widow Clay, north, and Robt. Poole, south, late in occupation of Mr. Wm. Saberton.

N. B. All the Lots, except the last, will be Let on Lease for the term of seven years. Lot 7 (being the 100 feet Wash Land) will be Let for Three years only.

The Landlord will pay all Drainage Taxes.

Further particulars inquire of Mr. Marshall, Solicitor, Ely, agent to the Rev. Wm. Jones, the Proprietor.

March 18 1848

Valuable Estates, Ely
To Be Sold by Auction
By George Legge
At the White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Thursday, the 6th April, 1848 at seven o'clock in the evening (under conditions then to be declared.)
The following Parcels of Land
Lot 1. A Leasehold Estate, consisting of sixty-six acres (more or less) of fine Arable and Grass Land, situate in Padnal, in Ely, and adjoining the road from Prickwillow to Ely on the north, and now occupied by James Cheesewright.
Lot 2. A Leasehold Estate, consisting of sixty acres (more or less) of similar land, situate in Middle Fen District in Ely, aforesaid, and near the Hamlet of Stuntney, now in occupied by Mr. Matthew Scott.
The above mentioned Estates are held by Lease from the Bishop of Ely, for twenty-one years from the 29th September last. The tenants hold under Leases which will expire October 11, 1849. The Newmarket, Bury, and Ely Railway, will pass over Lot 2.
Lot 3. A Close of Freehold Highland Pasture, of first-rate Grazing quality, situate within the Hamlet of Thetford, and adjoining the turnpike-road from Cambridge to Ely on the West, and containing, by estimation, twelve acres, subject to a small Modus in the lieu of Tithe, and occupied by Mr Graves, as yearly tenant.
Further particulars enquire of Auctioneer; or of Messrs. T. & G. Archer, Solicitors, Ely.

Middle Level Drainage
This bill is proceeding most satisfactorily. There is now no opposition to the preamble of the bill, and it will shortly go into Committee.

Ely – Accident
On Monday last, John Benton, a workman employed on the Eastern Counties Railway, sustained a severe injury to his right arm and hand by having it crushed between the cog-wheels of a crane, used for the purpose of elevating the turn tables upon the above line of railway. Two of his fingers were so much lacerated and broken as to demand their amputation, where connected with the palm of his hand. Dr. Pearson, of Ely, who was called, had recourse to the new anaesthetic agent, chloroform, on this occasion: a few inhalations only of this exceedingly powerful agent appeared sufficient to induce a profound sleep and complete immunity to suffering. During the operation the patient did not evince the slightest indication of pain or uneasiness, but awoke a few minutes after the operation was completed, "humming some favourite air", and apparently perfectly unconscious of the entire proceeding. The wounds looked very healthy, and the patient is going on well in every respect.

Ely Cattle Market and Corn Exchange
The third half-yearly meeting of this company was holden on Thursday evening, at the White Hart Inn, Ely, W. Layton Esq., President, in the Chair. The capital account showed a deficiency of £254. 1s. 8d., and the income account a balance of £64 1s. 4d. The Directors report recommended the payment of a dividend of £4 per cent per annum, and an increase of the Capital of the Company by loan, to the amount of £300, which Mr. Archer, the indefatigable secretary, hoped would pay a dividend of 4 per cent. The Chairman addressed the meeting at some length, and spoke most encouragingly of the prospects of the market, and gratefully of the gratuitous services of Mr. Archer. The report was received and adopted, and the President and out going Directors were re-elected.
Arrangements having been made to place a rail round the Corn Exchange; also for a clock with two faces, the one inside the Exchange, and the other looking on the Butter and Corn Exchange Market. A vote of thanks was carried by acclamation to Mr. Archer, and another to the Chairman. The later

in reply said he should never forget the obligations he owed to the town of Ely, and he should always be ready at a moments notice, to attend to their wishes.
The meeting separated.

March 25 1848

Ely
To Be Sold By Auction
By T. Elliot
Without reserve on Thursday, 6th April, 1848, upon the Market Hill, in Ely, at twelve o'clock noon; That noted black entire Cart Horse Known as "Honest Tom", rising seven years old, the property of Mr. Wilkinson, of March, the Horse is well known in Littleport and its vicinity, and his Stock promise to sell at high prices.
Six months' credit will be given on approved joint security.

Hundred Feet Washes
To Be let by Auction
By Matthew Scott
On Thursday, 20th April, 1848, at four o'clock in the afternoon, at the White Hart Inn, for three years.
One Hundred Acres of superior Wash Land, in six lots, lying about one mile from the Steam Engine the property of Mr. Adam Lyon.

Isle of Ely
General Quarter Sessions of the Peace will be holden at the Sessions House, in Ely, on Wednesday 5th April, next, at Ten o'clock forenoon, at which hour the chair will be taken; and all jurors, constables, and persons bound by recognizance, and others having occasion to attend are required to give their attendance accordingly.

Burnt Fen District
A General Half-yearly Meeting of the Commissioners acting in execution of the Acts of Parliament now in force for the Drainage of the above District, will be holden at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 30th March instant at 12 o'clock noon.
Thomas Archer, Clerk to the Commissioners.

Sale of the Rectory of Coveney cum Manea
On Wednesday Mr. Alderman Farebrother offered for public competition at Garraway's Coffee House, 'Change Alley', Cornhill, London, the valuable Church Preferment the next presentation (subject to the life of the Incumbent, aged seventy-seven years), to the rectory of Coveney cum Manea, situated about six miles from the city of Ely, and twenty from Cambridge.
The total annual income, independent of surplice fees, was £1,157. 12s. 3d., with glebe lands let to Mr. Porter at £41, per annum, ditto at Manea £20. The advowson was disposed of by directions of Lord Rokeby who was the vendor. The value of it was stated to be about £5,864, at 16 years purchase. It sold for £4,040..

Prisoners for Trial

The following prisoners stand committed for trial at the ensuing General Quarter Sessions, to be held at the Sessions House, Ely, on Wednesday 5th April.

John Chapman, for stealing trousers.
William Triplow, for stealing 14 fowls and 6 ducks; further charged with stealing a gleave.
George Stacy, for stealing handkerchiefs.
George Alliston and Able Hare, for stealing a quantity of lead.
Patrick Waters, and Edward Taylor, for receiving stolen property – on bail.

Stamford Peters, for stealing a quantity of Horsehair.
Robert Dankling, for stealing a silver spoon
John Haylock for stealing shoes
James Sherwyn, Wm. Timms, Edward Brown, for want of sureties.
William Acred, on bail for stealing wood.
Charles Blunsom, for stealing a pistol
Elizabeth Oakford, for stealing wearing apparel, further charged with stealing shoes and sheets etc., further charged with stealing a shawl.
Henry Ashby (on bail) for stealing a shovel.
John Rowe for stealing a quantity of hay, further charged with stealing two cart wheels.
William Jones, for stealing old iron.
George Bridgett, for stealing sausages, further charged with stealing a hat and cap.
Henry Judd, for stealing a pewter pot
Michael Dale, for stealing six bushels of potatoes.
Robert Negus, for fraudulently obtaining a leg of mutton.
John Knott, the elder, John Knott, the younger, and Mary Ann Brown, for stealing 35 gold rings.

The Isle of Ely Police
Serjeant William Currey has been appointed Inspector in charge of the Chatteris District, and Serjeant Stockings late of the Wisbech Police, has been promoted to Inspector, having charge of the Whittlesey and Thorney divisions of the Isle.

Parsons Charity Lands
In West Fen, near Ely
To be Let on Lease, for the term of 8 years, and entered upon immediately.
All those Two Hundred and Thirty Eight Acres (more or les) of Fen Land, situate in West Fen, near Ely, and belonging to the above Charity.
The above land will be let either in One Farm, or in Two Lots, to contain respectively 135 acres and 103 acres and to be divided by the Ditch running by the side of Flower's Hill Cartway.
Persons desirous of tendering for the hire of the above in One farm, or for the hire of either of the said lots, are requested to forward their tenders in writing to Mr. Goodwyn Archer, solicitor, Ely, on or before 8th day of April next, of whom may be obtained in the meantime full particulars of the outgoings and conditions subject to which the lands will be let.
The Governors of the Charity will engage to erect Farming Buildings upon the lots, and in the event of their being let in one Farm, a small Farm house will also be erected.

The Tenders must state the highest annual Rent the party tendering engages to pay for the lot or lots tendered for, and the Governors do not engage to accept the highest tender or tenders, and reserve the right of rejecting all the tenders if they shall find it necessary.

April 8 1848

Isle of Ely Sessions
Held on Wednesday and Thursday last before the Rev. H. Fardell, the Chairman, the Dean of Ely, the Rev. Dr. Fardell, R. G. Townley, Esq., Rev. W. Millars, Rev. Gale Townley, Rev. Algernon Peyton, Rev. H. Howard, A. Pell, Esq., John Fryer, Esq., W. Layton Esq.

Appeals

Eastern Counties Railway Company, appellants, Manea, respondents.
This was an appeal against a poor rate, made for Manea parish, by which the Company were rated at £700, for the portion of the line in the respondent parish.
Mr Couch moved that the rate be reduced to £250, the sum which both parties now considered the fair amount.
Mr Naylor, on behalf of the parish of Manea, stated that the Company having furnished his clients with the proper data, they had agreed to consent to the reduction named.
Rate altered accordingly.

Several other appeals by the Company against the rates in Thetford, Stretham, March etc., entered at the last sessions were now abandoned.

Prisoners

John Rowe, 35, for stealing hay at Wisbech, sentenced to seven years transportation. Had been transported once before.

George Bridget (29) pleaded guilty to stealing sausages at Wisbech further charged with stealing a hat and cap. One month's hard labour and two months.

Elizabeth Oakford (20) for stealing wearing apparel and other articles, fourteen days for each offence, seven years transportation for 3rd offence.

John Knott (41) John Knott (20) Thomas Knott (18) charged with stealing about 40 wedding rings, and Mary Ann Brown for receiving them. The elder prisoner two month's hard labour, the others to seven years transportation.

John Chapman (21) guilty of stealing shoes from John Cator, of Ely.

Abel Hare (33) was indicted for stealing some old lead property of Wm. Pashler, plumber, of Ely. Verdict not guilty.

Wm. Thriplow (21) of Chatteris, charged with stealing fowls and a gleave, two months' imprisonment for each offence.

Robt. Dale (35) pleaded guilty to stealing six bushels of potatoes at wisbech. Two months' hard labour.

Wm. Jones (35) charged with stealing some old iron, the property of the above prisoner, the case was clearly made out, and he was sent to be the companion of the prosecutor.

April 15 1848

Parish of Holy Trinity, Ely

Notice is hereby given, that at a General monthly Meeting of the Gas Inspectors acting for such of the streets and places of the above parish as have adopted the Provisions of the 3rd and 4th Will. IV., Chap. 90, for the Lighting and Watching of Parishes in England and Wales, which will be holden at the Shire Hall, in Ely, on Monday 1st May, next, at 12 o'clock at noon, it is their intention to enter into a Contract for further Lighting such streets and places with Coal Gas, for the term of Three years, commencing on 15th August next.

And notice is hereby further given that any person or persons willing to undertake the same may make proposals for that purpose at the Meeting.

By Order of the Inspectors,

William Marshall, Clerk

Tenders for Coals

The Commissioners for the Drainage of Middle Fen District are ready to receive Tenders for the supply of Four Hundred Tons of Coals, fit for Steam Engine use, to be delivered at their Steam Engine, at Prickwillow, near Ely, before the 1st day of October next.

The Constabulary

The Grand Jury, at the conclusion of their business at the quarter sessions at Ely, presented a report in writing to the Rev. Chairman (Mr Fardell) to the effect that they fully concurred in his opinion respecting his remarks on the Isle of Ely constabulary force. The expression of good opinion from such a body will no doubt have great effect in further stimulating the members of the force to deserve it; no body nor individual is the worse served for bestowing a just and deserved praise on those whom they employ.

Drainage Meeting

A meeting of the owners and occupiers of land draining into the Sixteen foot river was held at the Griffin Inn, March, on Tuesday last, to take into consideration the injury sustained by the adjacent lands form the recent opening of the Forty-foot into the Sixteen-foot river; Thomas Fryer, Esq., in the chair. It was the opinion of the meeting that the opening was illegal and injurious, but at the same time the owners and occupiers were willing to extend assistance to others requiring it, provided the management of the tunnels were left to some person interested in the sixteen-foot drainage, without which they reserved to themselves the right of taking any steps they might deem

expedient to prevent future injury by increasing the present water-way or remove the existing tunnels, if the contemplated works under the Middle Level Bill be not fully carried out before the ensuing winter.

Isle of Ely Police Intelligence
Before A Pell, Esq.
Ann Wittrick, of Ely, singlewoman, charged with committing wilful and corrupt perjury, was committed to the assizes for trial.
(Before the Rev. G. Millers and J. H. Sparke)
John Robinson, of Ely Trinity, butcher, for wilfully causing a quantity of night soil to run to and upon the highway in the parish of Ely Trinity, was fined £1 and costs.

April 22 1848

Marriage at Ely, - on the 11th instant, Mr Arthur Wallis Collins, builder, Boston, to Emma, youngest daughter of Mr. John Magee.

Death - at Ely, on the 12th instant, aged 59, Mr Thomas Bennett, formerly one of the lay-clerks of Ely Cathedral.
Bedford Level Meeting
The annual April Meeting of the Corporation of the Bedford Level was holden on Thursday last, at the Shire Hall, Ely. Lord Hardwicke presided, and members of the Board were present.

The attendance of the commonalty was not so large as we have seen it upon former occasions. It was understood that the abandonment of the tax for the present year would be announced, and this tended to diffuse satisfaction and disarm opposition, and an agreeable and unanimous meeting was anticipated, which happily proved correct.
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April 29 1848

Ely
To be Sold by Auction
By George Legge
At the Bell Inn, Ely, on Thursday, 25th May 1848 at 6 o'clock in the evening.
All that Freehold Messuage divided into several Tenements, adjoining the north side of High Street, Ely, with an Orchard and Premises extending, behind the same, to Market Street, late the property of Miss Sarah Vaughan, deceased.
The above premises have convenient frontages next High Street, and Market Street, and afford an excellent site for business, or for the erection of good buildings. Part of the property is in hand, and the tenancies of the remainder will expire at or before Christmas next.
Also Ninety-six Acres of most productive Pasture and Arable Land, lying in convenient parcels in Marshall End, Padnal, and Waterden, Middle Fen, and next Stuntney Causeway, being all within the parishes of Ely, and late belonging to the same proprietor.
The tenancies of such portion of the Lands as are let will expire at or before Lady Day next.
The above premises will be offered in convenient lots, and further particulars may be obtained from the Auctioneer, or Messrs. T. and G. Archer, solicitors at Ely.

Marriage – On Tuesday last (by the Rev. S. Smith) at Ely St. Mary, the Rev. G. Buckham, to Rebecca, only daughter of Henry Lawrence Esq.

The Weather in the Fens
The late continuance of wet weather has proved of serious injury to the young wheat in the low lands; these mostly present a yellow and sickly appearance.

In addition, much alarm is experienced in consequence of the delay by the same cause of the ordinary of the husbandman at this period. It was hoped at one time that the washes would this year have been preserved from inundation, but the heavy rains of Friday 21st instant, have proved the fallacy of such an expectation, and as an instance of their present state, there is at this time considerably more than two feet of water in those of Welney.

The Discount Question at Ely

This question is soon likely to be resolved in a Court of Justice, as it is already a subject of litigation between two inhabitants of the district, one (A) being a farmer residing at Upwell, and the other (B) a merchant at Ely. Our readers know that the custom of allowing obtains in Wisbech Market, and A had more than once sold corn to B in Ely market, on Wisbech terms; but, after the late agitation, resolved to do so no more. A month ago he sold some corn to B, and on payment being asked B demanded discount, and declined to pay unless it were allowed. A then proceeded to his solicitor, and placed the matter in his hands for process.

Body Found

On Monday morning last, the body of a man was discovered floating in the basin near the railway station at Ely, on which an inquest was afterwards held before Wm. Marshall, Esq., Coroner, when it was proved to be that of Henry Largent, of Thetford, in Norfolk, where he is generally called "King Largent", aged 57, who has a son apprenticed to Mr. Wilkinson, blacksmith, Ely. On the Monday fortnight previous he had been to see his son, but being fresh he was ordered off the premises; he was afterwards traced to a public-house, since which time, until found, he had not been seen. A sum of between £6 and £7 was found in his pocket. The inquest stands adjourned.

An Irishman's Gratitude

On Saturday night last Robert Cuttriss, landlord of the Bell, Ely, was robbed of upwards of £20, by some thieves breaking into his bedroom from an empty house; and about 2 hours after the robbery, three bad characters, Langford, Green, and Sindle, who were in the house at the time, were apprehended on the information of an Irishman, who was at work for Cuttriss, who swore he saw Green and Sindle do up the stairs the thieves must have gone to get to the room. They were remanded for further examination on Thursday, on which morning mine host lent the Irish vagabond a coat and handkerchief, to appear a little decent before their worships, and when the witnesses began to muster, he was informed his principal witness had walked off, forgetting, of course, to return the clothes.

Haddenham

Election of Churchwardens

The election of Churchwardens for this parish for the year ensuing took place on Tuesday last 25th instant. A few of the political Dissenters made their appearance, and gave manifest proof of a spirit of opposition. Mr. Wm. Pate, sen., was nominated and appointed by the Minister as his Churchwarden. Mr. Wm. Pate, jun., was proposed by Mr. Thomas Drage, and seconded by Mr. Henry Porter, as the parish Churchwarden, upon which Mr. Jacob Read, of Aldreth, having expressed himself in language which would lead one to suppose that he had been collecting hints from some of the speeches of the demagogues of Paris, concluded his abusive remarks by stating that he was under the painful necessity of proposing Mr. Wm. Porter as the parish Churchwarden. This was seconded by Joseph Burling (alias Bullen), wheelwright, form America, who very knowingly stated that, by a statute of Henry VIII, an old Churchwarden could not serve the office again! Our friend "Joe" took his seat amidst derisive laughter. Upon the numbers being taken, there appeared at the meeting for

Mr. Wm. Pate, jun.,	28
Mr. Wm. Porter	19

Majority for Mr. Pate	9

A poll was then demanded on behalf of Mr. Porter, which closed at 4 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, when there appeared, for

Mr. Pate	155
Mr Porter	73
Majority for Mr Pate	82

Mr. Wm. Pate, jun., was then declared duly elected the parish Churchwarden for the year ensuing. Our correspondent observes that whilst the Dissenters had polled nearly the whole of their party, 70 more votes might have been obtained if necessary on behalf of Mr. Pate.

May 6 1848

Isle of Ely Police Intelligence, Ely

(Before Wm. Layton, Esq.)

John Sindall, Samuel Langford, and Robert Green, all of Ely Trinity, labourers, charged with stealing between 18 and 20 pounds in gold and silver, the monies of Robt. Cuttriss, of Ely, publican. Discharged.

Wm. Nitall, of Littleport, blacksmith, charged with being drunk and disorderly at Ely. Discharged with a reprimand

(Before the Rev. G. Peacock; W. Layton, and A. Pell Esq.)

Thomas Allen, of Haddenham, labourer, charged with assaulting Joseph Metcalfe, of the same place, labourer. Dismissed.

Wm. Giscard, of Ely, silversmith, charged with ill using his apprentice, David Jones. Dismissed.

May 13 1848

The Weather in the Fens

The late fine weather has caused the lowland farmers to look up, and the wheats, which had been injuriously affected by the late rains, are fast recovering a healthy and vigorous appearance.

On the other hand, the high lands are represented as already parched and suffering severely from the heat. Coleseed is in fine strong flower, but great fears are entertained that the late frosty nights have done irreparable damage to the seed.

May 13 1848

Adjourned Sessions

At the Isle of Ely Adjourned Sessions, holden at March, on Tuesday, there were present the Revs. Fardell, (Chairman), Peyton, and Townley, and Jeremiah Jackson, Esq. There was no business of importance, and the meeting was merely pro forma.

May 20 1848

Isle of Ely,

Middle Fen Drainage Acts Amendment Committee on Bill

The above mentioned Bill came before a Committee of the House of Commons on Tuesday May 16th Room 29.

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Death – On Saturday last, aged 52, Robert Griffin nearly 30 years landlord of the White Lion Inn, Ely.

Charge of Felony

Martin Stally, of Witcham, labourer, was charged before Dr. French, at Ely, this week, with having feloniously entered the House of John Harrison of Oxlode, last Saturday, and stolen therefrom a tea-pot and two night-dresses. The prisoner was discharged for want of evidence.

May 27 1848

Turnpike Road

Leading from the Lamb Corner in Ely, to the Chequer Corner in Downham, in the County of Norfolk, called "The North District"
In pursuance of a requisition from two of the Trustees of the said Turnpike-road, notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the said Trustees will be holden at the White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Monday 29th May next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of Letting the Tolls arising at Scottings Bridge, Chettisham, and Fordham Turnpike Gates, together with the several Toll Houses belonging thereto respectively, and on general business
Dated this 27th day of April, 1848
H. R. Evans & Son, Clerks.

Eau Brink Navigation
A Meeting of the Eau Brink Commissioners was holden yesterday, at the Lamb Inn, Ely.
The attendance was small, and the business for the most part of a routine character.

Hay Market
A field of grass close to the city of Ely, belonging to Mr. Hawk, was cut yesterday. We believe this is the first crop cut in the neighbourhood.

Benwick
A correspondent writes to us about a blacksmith of this village having got measured for his coffin in a drunken spree, last week. The coffin was made and carried home on Saturday night, amid the jeers and excitement of about 200 men, women and children.

Messrs. Hall
Beg to return thanks to the inhabitants of Ely, and district for past favours extended to them in the Carrying Trade, and to announce that they have this day Disposed of their Stock of Horses, Carts, Etc., to the Eastern Counties Railway Company, by whom the business will hereafter be conducted.
June 3 1848
Ely Union Contracts
The Board of Guardians of the above Union, give notice, that they will, at their Weekly Meeting at the Union Workhouse in Ely, on Thursday 8th June next, receive Tenders for supplying the said Workhouse and the Out-door Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief Districts, with the following articles from 15th June, for thirteen weeks.
Good Thirds Flour, at per stone
Good Bread made of the same quality flour (24 hours old) at per 4lb loaf
Good Beef (Clods, Stickings, or Brisket, without bone)
Fore Quarters of Mutton, and Suet, at per stone.
To be delivered at the said Workhouse at such times, in such quantities, as the Board of Guardians shall order, and to be supplied to the Paupers in every parish, in such quantities as shall be expressed in tickets issued by the Relieving Officer.

Suicide
Some months since, Samuel Newborne, late the principal ostler at the Lamb Inn, Ely, was severely injured by a hay-knife falling on his back, and his life was for some time despaired of. His frame never completely recovered from the shock, and he has ever since suffered from depression of spirits.
On Tuesday afternoon he was found suspended in a hovel belonging to Messrs. Hall, quite dead.

At the Letting of the Turnpike Tolls between Ely and Downham Market, the Trustees could not satisfactorily dispose of the Tolls, this description of property being so much depreciated by the railways. The Trustees have given up possession of the tolls between Cambridge and Ely, and Ely

and Soham, to the mortgagees; by this proceeding they have placed themselves in a dilemma, as to be without funds they might as well be defunct.

June 10 1848

Cricket

On Tuesday, a cricket match was played at Huntingdon between the Ely and Huntingdon clubs. The latter in the first innings scored the greatest number of runs, but in the second the Ely men picked up their crumbs, setting their opponents a task which they after losing three wickets, declined.

A Pleasure Party

On Monday last, about seventy or eighty of the inhabitants of Ely, availed themselves of an opportunity of taking a sea trip off Hunstanton, the East Anglian Railway Company having provided a special train at a moderate fare to Lynn and back.

The day being fine, and the sea pretty calm, the parties enjoyed a most delightful trip; the only disappointed one was a Knight of the Thimble, who to maintain the full blown dignity of his character had provided himself with a first class ticket; but honouring amongst the gods Bacchus and Morpheus, more that Neptune, on arriving at the station found himself "too late for the steamer".

June 17 1848

Isle of Ely

Notice is hereby given that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle, will be holden at the Sessions House, in Wisbech, on Wednesday 28th June, at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, at which hour the chair will be taken; and all jurors, constables, and persons bound by recognizance, and others having occasion to attend are required to give their attendance accordingly.

And notice is also hereby given, that the business relating to the Constabulary Force of the Isle, and laying a Police-rate towards defraying the expenses of the said Force, will commence and be proceeded in immediately after the Grand Jury are sworn and charged; and after such business is disposed of the business relating to the assessment, application, or management of the Isle Stock or Rate will commence and be done and transacted in open court.

The Justices Clerks are requested to send the several depositions and recognizances to the office of the Clerk of the Peace at Wisbech, on or before the Saturday preceding.

Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech.

Ely Downham and Coveney
Valuable Freehold and Copyhold Estates
To Be Sold by Auction
By Geo. Legge and C. M. Bidwell
Jointly concerned herein

At the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 22nd June at seven o'clock in the evening, (subject to such conditions of sale as will then be produced) in the following lots.

In Ely

Lot 1. 4A 2R. A Close of Pasture land, on the road leading to West Fen; abutting on Green Drove west, Downham Drove east, lying between land late of Mr. Apsey's north and Mr Rayner south, now in occupation of Mr. John Harlock.

Two Acres Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Barton
Quit rent 3s. The remainder Freehold.

Lot 2. 12A 13P. An Allotment of Valuable Arable Land in Deadhill Fields; abutting on the old Milestone Road, east, Mr. John Harlock west and north, Mr. John Evans south, now in occupation of Mr. John Evans.

1A 2R. Freehold – 10A 2R 24P. Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Barton - Quit Rent 9s.

Lot 3. 11A 3R 15P of valuable Land in Middle Fen in Ely, abutting on the Middle Fen Bank, north, Back Drove south Mr James Palmer east, the Widow Day, west, now occupied by Mrs. Day. Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Porta – Quit rent 8½d and 8½d.
Lot 4. 6A 3R 31P of Land, in Middle Fen, abutting on Bank Drove north, and lying between lands of the late Wm. Rickard east, and Messrs T. and J. Simson west, also occupied by Mrs Day. Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Porta. Quit rent 8d.
In Downham West Fen
Lot 5. 10A 2R 9P of extra Parochial and Tithe-free Adventurers Land, abutting upon Short Drove east, Lot 7 west, and lying between next lot south, and lands of Clare Hall and Mr. John Moxton north, now occupied by Mr Philip Hopkin.
Freehold, part of no "456" on Littleport and Downham District Map.
Lot 6. 11A 3R 29P of like Land; abutting as before, last lot north, a Droveway and land of Philip Hopkin south, also occupied by Philip Hopkin.
Freehold, also part of "456" on Littleport and Downham District Map.
Lot 7. 16A 2R 10P of Like Land; abutting on the last two lots and land of Mr. Philip Hopkin's east, West Fen Drove north (being five pieces lying together) Downham Feoffees and Mr. Wm. Martin, west, now occupied by Mr. Joseph Brown.
2A 8P Copyhold of Downham Manor, Quit rent 1s 2d.
The remainder Freehold being Nos. "455" and "473" on the Littleport and Downham map.
Lot 8. 11A 3R 3P. An Allotment of Valuable arable Land, near Downham, abutting on the High road north, Private road south. Orchards of Mr. James Waxham, and Mr. James Chambers east and Joseph Vipan, Esq., west, now occupied by Mr. Philip Hopkin.
1A 3R 16P Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Porta
10A 17P Copyhold of Downham Manor, Quit Rent 10s 5d.
Lot 9. 7A 2R 36P of Valuable Land, at Frith Head in Downham, abutting on Westmoor Common west, Bringhurst's Heirs east, Frith Head Drove south, and Mr. Wm. Martin north, now occupied by John Stevens.
Copyhold of the Manor of Downham. Quit rent 2d
No. "335" on the Littleport and Downham District map.
Lot 10. 10A 1R 8P of Land abutting on Westmoor Common and Grove Drove east, Drain south, Mr. Wm. Martin west, next lot north, occupied by Mr. Joseph Brown.
Copyhold of the Manor of Downham. Quit rent 4d
No. "372" on the Littleport and Downham District Map.
Lot 11. 10A 1R 24P of Land; abutting on Grove Drove east, last lot south, Mr Philip Hopkin west, Mr. Wm. Harrison, north, also occupied by Mr. Joseph Brown.
Copyhold of the Manor of Downham. Quit rent 2d
No. "373" on the Littleport and Downham map.
In Coveney
Lot 12. 37A 2R 36P in Coveney Great Dams – Lands belonging to Mr. John Chambers and Mr. Wm. Ayres north, Captain Clay east, Mr John Nix south, Captain Clay, Messrs. John Chambers, B Houghton, and Byddal Chambers, west, with a small Barn and Lodge thereon, now occupied by Mr. Thomas Cox.
Freehold No's "77" and "78" on the Littleport and Downham District Map.
All the Fen Lands are subject to the usual Drainage Taxes.
Further particulars may be known on application to Messrs. Dench and Son, Solicitors, or to the Auctioneers, all of Ely.

Bedford Level Corporation
The annual Whitson Meeting was holden on Wednesday last at Ely, and was numerously attended. The Duke of Bedford presided in the early part of the meeting, and the Earl of Hardwick subsequently.
The only business of importance was the election of officers and a superintendent.

After a good deal of delay, the Chairman announced the election to have fallen upon Mr. Layton, Earl Fitzwilliam, and Mr. David Martin.
Mr Layton said the result could not but be gratifying to his feelings, when he found himself placed above an excellent nobleman and also above another gentleman of reputation and character, who always discharged his duties as a large agriculturist and fen drainer in the best manner. He felt himself in a position to know his friends, and to them he returned his hearty thanks. He had been before the public in that district for 25 years, and had always discharged his duties, as he believed for the benefit of the Fens. In those duties he had been the colleague of gentlemen who upon this occasion had thought proper to oppose him, and one of those gentlemen wanted to make it out that he was at the bottom of the poll. It was not the first time, and it might not be the last, that he stood on independent grounds and principles. Beyond those of a public servant he had no pretensions to the post he was now placed in; but his friends in the South Level urged him to come forward because there were two south Level vacancies. He bowed to their request, and had the pleasure of being successful in defiance of a great effort against him, and without having solicited a vote. He trusted his conduct at the Board might be such as to merit the respect of the country. Something had been said about taxation, and it had been asserted that he was not regardful of expenditure. He replied that he had as great a wish as any man to cut down expenses, but he would never consent to leave the works of the country destitute and ruinous.
Mr Martin also returned thanks.
The next business was the election of a Superintendent.
On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. J. Seaber, Mr. Harding was elected to that office, at a salary of £200 a year. The same gentleman was appointed engineer for this corporation under the Eau Brink Acts.
The meeting broke up after three hours.
Full account on Page 3.

Ely Police Intelligence
Edward Luddington, of Ely, publican, charged with creating a disturbance in the public street of Littleport on the 22nd ultimo. Bound over in the sum of £10 to keep the peace for six months.

Charles Finch, of Ely, labourer, fined £1 and costs for assaulting Ann Harper, of the same place.

Joseph Watts, of Ely, beer house keeper, fined 5s and costs for keeping his house open for the sale of beer during divine service on Sunday 28th ultimo.

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Rural Sports
Wednesday next promises to be a gala day at Ely; the programme of the races is issued and a fund of amusement promised to the lovers of rural sports. The pony races are expected to be good, and undoubtedly the company will be large.

Malicious Act
On Wednesday, a diabolical attempt near Ely, was made by some mischievous person to turn the train off the railway, by fixing a chair on the line of rail. Fortunately the engine driver saw something on the line and backed the pressure, the impetus, however, carried the engine over the obstacle, but it was removed before the carriages proceeded. It is earnestly to be hoped that the parties will be discovered.

Cricket Match
It is expected a cricket match will be played between the March and Ely clubs, at the latter place, on Monday next.

Our Library Table
A brief history and description of Ely Cathedral.
By J. W. Hewitt, Trinity College, Cambridge
E. Meadows, Cambridge
Mr Hewitt, one of the Secretaries of the Cambridge Architectural Society, has profitably employed the Easter vacation in compiling a history of the magnificent Cathedral at Ely "neither too technical

for the uninitiated nor too meagre for the Ecclesiologist." His labours will be appreciated by numbers of those who are induced to visit Ely by facility of access and a growing love for the study of Church architecture. The "history" is followed by a description of the Cathedral sufficiently technical, without treading too closely upon subjects and style which are above the ordinary readers.

July 1 1848

Ely Races

On Wednesday the anniversary of her Majesty's coronation was celebrated by a large amount of amusement at Ely. The races and sports were of the first order, excellently conducted, and well attended by at least 6,000, amongst whom were the elite of the neighbourhood. They promise next year to be more extensively supported and attended. Many of the races were excellent, amongst which was the hurdle race, won by Mr. Jones's horse, beating Mr. John Harlock's by half a next.

Cricket

On Monday last, the gentlemen of the March club entered the field at Ely, to compete with the gentlemen of that Club. As in the match with the Peterboro' club last week, they again proved successful; the superior fielding of the March club and the bowling of Gray and Pope were much admired. On the Ely side Hogg exhibited some good play, both in bowling and batting.

The following is the result.

Ely		March	
First Innings	19	First Innings	64
Second Innings	25		

A good match is anticipated on Tuesday next between the March and Peterboro' clubs, which will be played on the March ground.

Isle of Ely Sessions

The Isle of Ely Sessions were held on Wednesday last before the Rev. Henry Fardell, chairman; the Rev. Gale Townley, the Rev. Algernon Peyton, Rev. J. Jackson, Rev. H Howard, Charles Metcalfe Esq., F. Dunn Gardner Esq., and others.

No prisoners from Ely.

St Mary's Street, Ely

The Misses Legge beg to offer their best thanks to their friends and the public for the encouragement they have received, and at the same time to inform them that the duties of their school will recommence on Tuesday July 18th.

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A Minor Canonry is vacant in Ely Cathedral.

Candidates are requested to send their testimonials to H. R. Evans, Esq., Ely, on or before the 31st July.

No one need apply who has not a competent knowledge of music.

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Marriage at St. Mary's, Ely (by the Rev. William Metcalfe, rector of Foulmire) Dykes Barry, Esq., to Sarah Ann, youngest daughter of the late Rev. Philip Durham, Minor Conon of Ely Cathedral.

On the 11th instant, at Ashley, (by the Rev. Wm. French. M. A.) James Dench, Esq., solicitor, of Ely, to Anna, only surviving daughter of the late John Hammond, of Ashley Hall.

Cricket

Ely v March.

The return match between these two clubs will take place at March on Tuesday next.

Needham's Charity, Ely

Wanted, a Master for the School

He must be a bona fide Member of the Church of England, and efficiently able to carry out a good system of sound English Commercial Education.
The emoluments are £45 per annum, payable half-yearly
A good House and Garden, free from rent, rates, and taxes; and the privilege of taking additional Pupils to be educated with the Foundation Boys.
Applications, stating age and general circumstances of Candidate, with testimonials as to character and ability, to be addressed, on or before the 2nd August, to Rev. S. Smith, Treasurer to Needham's Charity, Ely.

Classical and Commercial School
Fore Hill, Ely
Mr. W. Trigg returns sincere thanks to his friends for their very liberal patronage and support, and respectfully informs them, that the duties of his School will be resumed on Thursday the 20th of July.

July 22 1848

Death – On Sunday evening, 16th instant, at his residence, Ely, Mr. John Garratt, sen.

Insolvent Debtor's Court
The removal of the Insolvent Debtors Court to the new County Courts is likely to deter a class of her Majesty's subjects, who seek to find a place in tradesmens' ledgers, without ever hoping to liquidate the same, from asking for the protection which the humanity of our laws have provided for unfortunate debtors. All those who have applied in this Court have failed in their attempts, and not one has yet been able to pass his examination. Dissipation and bad conduct appear in all instances to have brought the petitioners to their miserable position. It is not generally known that any creditor may, without the payment of any fees, oppose any petitioner obtaining protection from process.

Railway Obstruction
A few weeks since we noticed an attempt made to throw the train off the railway by placing a chair thereon. A youth between sixteen and seventeen years of age, named Creak, was on Thursday committed for trial at the forthcoming assizes for this offence, and if found guilty will be liable to transportation. One years imprisonment with hard labour.
Cambridge Summer Assizes July 25th.

Ely County Court
Saturday July 15th 1848
Before J. D. Barnaby, Esq.
In Re. John King
The insolvent, a beer-seller and blacksmith, came up for his final order, and, having been examined at some length by the Judge, was sent back to have his balance sheet amended.
There have been several insolvent cases at this court, but not one has passed his final examination. At this Court between ninety and one hundred cases were disposed of during the day, but none of particular interest.

Isle of Ely Police Intelligence, Ely
(Before the Rev. G. Millers, and Wm. Layton Esq.)

Wm. Dolby, of Ely St Mary's, labourer, was charged with assaulting John Haylock of Ely Trinity, labourer. Discharged on payment of costs.

Geo. Wm. Careless, Ely St Mary's, farmer, was charged with riding upon a wagon drawn by one horse without reins on the 22nd ultimo. Charged withdrawn on payment of costs.

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New Window in Ely Cathedral

A new beautiful and splendid stained glass window, depicting the leading transactions of the Venerable Bede, or as he is sometimes called the Bible Saint, the munificent gift of W. Wailes, Esq., of Newcastle, is now being put in.

Isle of Ely Adjourned Sessions

Will be holden at the Guildhall, March, in the said Isle, on Tuesday 8th August next, at Twelve o'clock noon, on which day and at which hour the business relating to the Assessment, Application, or Management of the Isle stock or Rates will commence and be done, and transacted in open court.

Hugh Jackson

Clerk of the Peace

August 12 1848

Central Assize

It is we understand, in contemplation to take steps for the establishment of a central assize for the Isle of Ely, part of Norfolk and part of Lincolnshire. The matter, on being broached in the Isle, has met with considerable favour from parties in high quarters, and gentlemen in the commission of the peace. A conference on the subject between parties from the localities interested will shortly take place, and we shall than have an opportunity of laying more decisive information before our readers, with respect to the town to be chosen for holding the assize and the circuit to which it is to be attached.

Adjourned Sessions

The General Quarter Sessions for the Isle of Ely were holden by adjournment at the Guildhall, March, on Tuesday last. The Rev. Henry Fardell occupied the chair, and there were present in addition the Revs. Algernon Peyton, Jeremiah Jackson, Geo J Huddlestone, and Wm Howarth, and Abraham Hardy Esq. a large number of bills for salaries, gaol allowance, and clothing, apprehension and conveyance of offenders, prosecutions at the assizes, etc., etc., were examined, passed and ordered to be discharged.

The following accounts, in connection with the new bridge at Earith, were ordered to be paid.

	£	S	D
Saml Brown, contractor, being a moiety of his account	200	0	0
Chapman for pile driving	85	4	2
Hawker, for injury done to a farm house, reason of the pile driving.	56	7	6

Also sum minor sums for salaries, watching etd.,

Various accounts for prosecutions at sessions were passed and ordered for payment.

The following are the gross amounts.

	£	S	D
Michaelmas Sessions 1847	352	12	8
Wisbech Epiphany ditto	111	7	8
Ely Easter ditto	270	0	0
Wisbech Midsummer ditto	134	19	8
	848	0	0

The bill of Mr Pratt, the coroner, for inquisitions and incidental expenses between Midsummer, 1847, and Midsummer, 1848, amounted to £278.8s 7d – some conversation took place as to the propriety of the erection of a new bridge at Prickwillow, somewhat nearer the church then the present one, at an expense not exceeding £400. The matter was ultimately deferred.

Ely Fields Inclosure

We, the undersigned Thomas Utton, James Jones, and William Noel Jackson, the Commissioners appointed for Inclosing the open and common Arable Fields in the Parish of Saint Mary, in Ely, in the Isle of Ely, and county of Cambridge, under the powers of an Act of parliament passed in the

sixth and seventh years of the reign of his lat Majesty King William the fourth, for facilitating the Inclosure of Open and Arable fields in England and Wales, do hereby give notice that we shall attend at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Tuesday, the twenty-ninth day of August instant, at Eleven o'clock, in the forenoon, at a special general meeting, which we have called and appointed to be then and there held, for the purpose of reading over and executing our Award in the presence of such Proprietors as may think proper to attend, and for transacting any other business which may arise relative to the said Inclosure.
Dated this first day of August 1848
Thos. Utton
James Jones
William Noel Jackson

Eastern Counties Railway
Surplus Lands
In Ely and Downham
To Be Sold by Auction
By C. M. Bidwell
At the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday September 7th 1848, at six o'clock in the evening, without reserve, unless disposed of under their Act of Parliament, of which due notice will be given, in lots;

Two Pieces of Land	In Cawdle Fen
One ditto	In Babylon
One ditto	In the Creasells
Four ditto	In Waterden
Three ditto	In Padnal
Five ditto	In Downham

Also a Valuable piece of Land, at Spring Head in Ely, containing 2A 2R 19P, lately used by the Contractor for ballast.
Further particulars will appear, and may be known in the meantime of Messrs. Harris, Sumpter & Hyde, Solicitors, Cambridge; and of Mr. C. M. Bidwell, Land agent and surveyor, Ely.

Bardolph Fen Drainage
The Commissioners for the drainage of the lands comprised in the above district held a special meeting on Monday last at the Crown Inn, Stow Bardolph, for the purpose of authorising the borrowing of a sum of money on the credit of the rates and taxes of the district, such sum not to exceed £1,750 in pursuance of the report of a committee, and to enable the Commissioners to fulfill their part of the contract lately entered into with the Messrs. Headley, of Cambridge, for the erection of a steam-engine and works. The report of the committee was adopted, and the sum ordered to be raised. The meeting was (contrary to expectation) very thinly attended. J. Wiggins, Esq., agent for Sir Thomas Hare, presided.

August 19 1848

Death – On Monday, 14th instant, at Ely, the wife of Mr. Wm. Folger.

River Nene Navigation
The general annual meeting of the Commissioners of the above navigation was holden on Thursday last, at the Griffin Inn, March, Colonel Smith occupied the chair, and there were present in addition, about 20 commissioners. The business transacted, however, was entirely of a routine nature, and none was introduced of such novelty as to render a report thereof interesting to the country.

Consecration of Welney Church
On Friday last the new church at Welney was consecrated by the Bishop of Norwich, in the presence of a considerable body of the clergy and inhabitants of the surrounding neighbourhood. It is a very neat structure, designed by Buckler, in the later early English style, built of Caen Stone, the effect of which is extremely good, and forms a pleasing contrast with the old nondescript church

which is about to be pulled down. The interior is fitted up with open seats, and is capable of holding 400 persons, with a gallery at the west end for 120 children.
The pulpit and font are of Caen stone; the former is beautiful in design and workmanship, and excited general admiration. The Bishop performed the service in his usual emphatic and solemn manner. The sentence of consecration was read by the Rev. Edmund Wills, surrogate. Prayers were read by the Rev. J. W. Clapcott, curate of Welney, and an admirable sermon was preached by the rector, the Rev. W. Gale Townley, from 1 Kings, chap. 8, v.27, in which he gave a sketch of the charities by which he and his co-feoffees had been enabled to erect the new church, and (what gave additional interest to the occasion on which they were assembled) a large school-room, and almshouses for six poor widows, the whole built at a cost of not less than £4,000. It was altogether a most gratifying sight, and to anyone who knew Welney in former years, and now visiting it, the change must seem little short of magical. We trust the inhabitants will not be slow to appreciate their advantages, and will reciprocate the feelings of a rector devoted to their temporal and spiritual interests. He has added much to the beauty of the church by the presentation of a painted east window, by Wilmshurst, the centre compartment representing Faith, Hope and Charity; the Queens' arms, and the arms of East Anglia, with the rose and portcullis, being introduced very pleasingly into two side lights. After the ceremony, the Bishop and about 100 persons sat down to an elegant luncheon, also provided by the rector, in the new schoolroom, when several appropriate toasts were given and feelingly responded to.

Ely
The potatoes in the fields are reported to be seriously diseased to a far greater extent in this neighbourhood than in 1846.

Eastern Counties Railway Surplus Lands
In Ely and Downham
To Be Sold by Auction
By C. M. Bidwell
At the Lamb Inn, Ely, on Thursday 6th September, 1848 at six o'clock in the evening without reserve, (unless any adjoining proprietor shall previously accept the purchase thereof under their Act, of which due notice will be given) in the following lost as Freehold.
In Ely
Lot 1. Two Pieces of Land in Cawdle Fen purchased of James Yarrow and Wm. Haylock, containing 3A 2R 5P Messrs. Raynor north; the railway east; John Haslop south; the Cawdle Fen Drain and Land of the late John Garrett, Clare Hall, Feoffees of Parsons charity, Robert Few and Wm. Beecroft west.
Lot 2. One Piece of Land, in Babylon, purchased of the Dean and Chapter and David Ellingham, containing 22P, Wm. Ashberry north, east and south; the Railway west.
Lot 3. 2A 2R 30P of Valuable Land, in Cresswells, purchased of the Rev. Wm. Jones – The Dean and Chapter of Ely north; the River Ouze east and south, and the Railway west.
Lot 4. 2A 2R 14P in Waterden, purchased of Ann Metcalfe, adjoining Sandalls Cut Bank on the North-east; Messrs. Wm. and Henry Rayner south-east; Turbotsea farm south west; and the Railway north-west.
Lot 5. 3R 20P in Padnal, purchased of the Dean and Chapter and David Ellingham – Thomas Day, north-east; and First Drove south-east; Wm. Haylock, south west; and the Railway northwest.
Lot 6. 2R 14P, in Padnal, purchased of Robert Palmer and Mark Wilson. The Railway north-west; the first Drove south-east; and Thomas Day south-west.
Lot 7. 1R 3P, in Padnal, purchased of the Bishop of Ely and Thomas Page. The first drove north-east, and the Railway south east.
Lot 8. 1A 2R 8P, adjoining the Ely and Peterborough line, in Waterden, and purchased of the late Miss Vaughan, Wm. Lawrence north; Henry Benton east; the First Drove south; and the Railway west.
Lot 9. 1A 1R 16P, part of the same ground, Clare Hall north; the Ely and Peterborough Railway east and south; and Messrs. Wm. and Henry Rayner west.

Lot 10. 1R 24P, in Waterden, purchased of Wm. Lawrence; the Ely and Peterborough Railway north and east; Thomas Hawke south; and the second Drove west.
Lot 11. 2A 2R 19P of Garden Ground at Spring Head, purchased of the Contractor of Richard Freeman, and used by him for ballast. The road to Prickwillow north; Little New Barns Estate east and south; and Matthew Sparrow west.
N. B. The Vendors reserve to themselves the right to fell and remove the Walnut tree standing in this lot, which if not exercised, the purchaser will be required to take at a valuation.
In Downham
Lot 12. 1A 0R 28P near the Curfew Drove, purchased of Huntingdon Martin – Charles Finch north; James Waxham's Executors east; Shrewsbury Flanders south; and the Railway west.
Lot 13. 3R 14P in A Furlong purchased of James Cranfield, Huntingdon Martin north, a Furlong Drove east and south; and the Railway west.
Lot 14. 1R 3P in A Furlong, purchased of Woods Green – The Railway north-east; Huntingdon Martin south; and the Steam Engine Drain south-west.
Lot 15. 1A 1R 23P in the Wash, purchased of Mrs. Johnson. The Old Bedford Barrier Bank north; Mrs Johnson east; and the Railway south and east.
Immediate possession of all Lots may be had on completion of the purchase.
Further particulars and plan may be seen on application, to Messrs. Harris Sumpter, and Hyde, Solicitors, Cambridge, and of C. M. Bidwell, land agent and surveyor, Ely.
August 26 1848
Ely
The weather continuing showery, prices at our market on Thursday advanced from 5s to 6s per quarter above that day week. On Monday, it blew quite a hurricane, in some instances beating a good deal of grain out of the ears; but the brisk winds have enabled the farmers to scramble up a good deal of wheat during the week, without being much damaged.

County Court
At the County Court, at Ely, on Saturday last, there were 93 cases entered for trial, all of little importance but one, which appeared to create a good deal of interest. The plaintiff, J. Sucker, of Burnt Fen, sought to recover of T. Honeygold, of Littleport, butcher, £19 3s being the value of a horse received in exchange, which turned out to be glandered, and incidental expenses. In the month of May last, the plaintiff and defendant met at a Public house, when the bargain was made, and the horse in question warranted, in the presence of five other parties, "to be sound". The plaintiff took the animal and turned it will other stock on his farm. In about two weeks afterward it was discovered to be glandered. Notice was given to the defendant, who took no heed of it, and after a lapse of a few days the animal was shot. Pedley, a horse doctor, proved that he saw the horse some weeks before it was sold, and then pronounced it to be glandered, which disease was incurable.
The defence sought to be set up was, that at the time of sale, the horse was not so glandered, but on Mr Cooper, the plaintiffs' attorney, cross examining Bringle, the defendants horse doctor, he acknowledged to saying to Honeygold, a few weeks before the transaction, "If that horse is not glandered, I never saw one". The running at the nose afterwards disappearing, changed his opinion. Thomas Gillett and another farmer, whose stock had been with the horse in question, were called to prove none of their horses had the complaint. Pedley was recalled, and stated that on the 18th he examined and found Mr. Suckers' brother's horses, which had run with the one diseased, with the glanders. The Judge gave an award for the plaintiff, for the amount sought to be recovered, deducting £1 from the charge for keep, adding that plaintiff kept the horse an unnecessary time, and ought to have shot it immediately after giving the notice.
September 2 1848
Ely Fields Inclosure Act.
A Special general meeting was holden at the Lamb Inn, Ely, on Tuesday last for the purpose of procuring the signature of parties interested to the award under the Act 6th and 7th William IV. The Commissioners, Messrs Utton, Jones and Jackson, their clerk, G. Archer, Esq., and their surveyor,

Mr Bidwell, were present, and the usual routine proceedings having been gone through, the meeting terminated.

Eau Brink Drainage

We the undersigned being Commissioners of Drainage acting under an Act of Parliament passed in the thirty-fifth year of the reign of King George the Third, and sundry other Acts passed subsequently thereto, relating to a New River or Cut from a place called Eau Brink to Kings Lynn in the County of Norfolk; do hereby appoint a Special Meeting of the said Commissioners of Drainage, to be holden at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Friday 8th September next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving and considering a Report to be made by the Committee appointed at a General Meeting of the Commissioners held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Friday 28th January last, in relation to the New River or Cut authorized by the Norfolk Estuary Act, and of which a copy is appended thereto, and also for receiving and considering any Report which may be made to the meeting by the Committee appointed at the General Meeting held at Chatteris, on 30th July 1847 in relation to the examination of the Accounts of Mr. Little, the Superintendent of the Works, and to the liabilities of the Commissioners, and for making such orders and entering into such Resolutions relating to the said Reports, or either of them, and to the objects and purposes thereof, as the Commissioners present at the said Special Meeting may think fit.
Dated 19th August 1848
John Fryer, J. W. Childers, Jas. Gay, G. Prime, Wm. Layton, Edward Ball.
Committee's' report of Meeting on Jan 28th 1848 on Page 1 Col. 4.

Ely Union

Master, Matron, Schoolmaster, Schoolmistress and Porter Wanted.
The Guardians of the Ely Union give Notice that at their adjourned Board Meeting to be held on Thursday 21st September instant, at Ten o'clock, they will be prepared to receive and decide on applications for the respective situations of Master, Matron, Schoolmaster, Schoolmistress and Porter of the Ely Union Workhouse at Ely, now vacant.
The salary of Master and Matron will be £80 per annum, of the Schoolmaster £25, Schoolmistress £20 and Porter £20, with board and lodgings in the workhouse.
The Candidates will be expected to possess a competent knowledge of the duties of their respective offices, and must attend personally at the meeting with testimonials of character and fitness.
The duties are to commence at Michaelmas. The Guardians do not pledge themselves to appoint any of the Candidates, and it should be distinctly understood that no person can be appointed to any of the above offices who does not agree to give one month's notice previous to resignation of the office, or to forfeit one months' amount of Salary.
By Order of the Board
Wm. Marshall, Clerk.

Ely Union Contracts

The Board of Guardians of the above Union, give Notice that they will, at their Weekly Meeting at the Union Workhouse in Ely, on Thursday 14th September, instant, receive Tenders for supplying the said Workhouse and the Out-door Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief Districts, with the following articles, from September 21st Instant, for thirteen weeks viz:-
Good Thirds Flour at per stone
Good Bread, made of the same Flour (24 hours old) at per 4lb loaf
Good Beef (Clods and Stickings, or Brisket, without bone)
Fore quarters of Mutton (not weighing less than 20 lbs per quarter) and Suet, at per stone.
To be delivered at the said Workhouse at such times and in such quantities, as the Board of guardians shall order, and to be supplied to the Paupers in every parish, in such quantities as shall be express in tickets issued by the Relieving Officer.

They are also desirous of contracting for such quantities of the undermentioned articles as may from time to time be required at the said Workhouse from 21st instant, for twenty-six weeks. viz:-

Provisions Etc.

Cheese, Rice, Oatmeal, Moist Sugar, Salt, Soap and Soda at per stone.
Butter, Tea, and Dip Candles at per lb.
Peas at per coomb; Ale at per gallon; Coals at per ton; Turf at per 1000
Clothing etc
Strong Grey Army Cloth, for old mens' suits; Fustian for Boys' suits; and Twilled Calico for lining same.
Flannel for wearing; Flannel for shrouds; Hemp, Calico, Blue Stripe, and Chambry, at per yard
Mens', Womens' Boys', and Girls' strong knitted worsted stockings, at per pair, Worsted, at per lb
Cocoa-nut Fibre, at per cwt.
Instructions regarding contracts some as March report to be in this quarter by September 14th.

Eau Brink Commissioners Norfolk Estuary Works
Meeting held at Lamb Inn, Ely, September 8th
Full account on Page 3, Cols 1, 2, 3, & 4.

Abstract of the Accounts of the Treasurers of the Isle of Ely from 12th August 1847, to the 5th August, 1848 passed and allowed at an Adjourned Special Sessions of the Peace holden at March in and for the Isle on the 8th day of August 1848.

Receipt	£	S	D
By Isle Rates	6336	11	8
By the Treasurer of the Town of Cambridge a Moiety of Contribution Money paid for prisoners in the Queen's Bench Prison	5	0	0
By amount of Fines received under Convictions for assaults, false and defective Measures, Weights, and Balances, Malicious Injury. Retail Beer, Game, and Licensing Acts	70	19	6
By the Paymaster of Civil Services – a moiety of expenses on criminal prosecutions and conveyance of Convicts, between 1st January and 30th December 1847	834	14	0
By ditto on account of the maintenance of Prisoners in the House of Correction at Wisbech for year ending 30th September 1847	135	14	4
Sums received of the Inspectors of Weights and Measures	30	11	0
	£7413	10	6

Expenditure	£	S	D
Balance of last account	2068	13	0¼
Expenses of conveying Vagrants and Offenders to Gaols, relieving poor Travellers and charges of pursuing Felons	143	2	6½
Prosecution orders at Assizes and Sessions	1110	19	5
Expenses of Houses of Correction	1796	3	1½
Ditto of Sessions Houses	161	17	7
Repairs of Shire Halls and Houses of Correction, and for Insurance and Land Tax	63	3	11
Contribution Money for Prisoners in the Queen's Bench Prison	10	1	0
Treasurers Salaries	60	0	0
Clerk of the Peace, Clerk of Assize, and the Magistrates Clerks, for general Business	233	8	10
Contingent Bills at Assizes, Sessions and Petty Sessions	3	7	4
Coroners Accounts	518	17	2

Salaries to High Constables and others, and for their incidental expenses	150	11	2
Printing, Advertising, Stationers Bills, Stamps and Postages	19	9	7
Repairing Bridges	396	19	1
Expenses of conveying Felons to the Hulks	20	1	0½
Allowance to Inspectors of Weights and Measures, and for Incidents	50	9	6
Clerk of the Peace's Bill under the reform and Boundary Acts, making Register of Voters, and for incidental expenses	171	7	6
Maintenance of a Lunatic	34	6	6
Incidental Expenses	212	10	0
Balance due to the Isle	188	2	2¼
	£7413	10	6

Hugh Robt Evans Esq.
Hugh Jackson Esq. Treasurers

Ely, September 7, 1848

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Marriage at Ely, on the 12th instant, Mr W. Hogg, to Miss Betsy Pashler.

Diocesan Missionary Meeting

We desire to call attention to an advertisement in another column, announcing the holding of the Annual Diocesan Missionary Meeting at Ely on Tuesday 26th instant.

The Potato Crop

Now that the time for taking up potatoes has arrived, the result must be pronounced very bad indeed, in many instances amounting to a complete failure. After a careful enquiry throughout the Isle of Ely, we learn that at least three fifths of the crop are entirely unfit for use. In some places the diseased potatoes are selling at 1s per sack. Some parties have offered their crops at 20s per acre without obtaining a buyer; even those that appear to present sound, it is feared will, after a time, be found to be diseased. Go where you like, a good potato fit for food is scarcely obtainable.
Correspondent

Ely

Intrigues at the Union

It is not often that the whole of the officials of a union are sent to the right about in a batch; but this has lately taken place in the Ely Union. It seems that the Schoolmaster, like Caesar, was ambitious, and had a desire to supplant his superior, the Master; and indeed had often expressed to his friends the conviction that he should one day step into his shoes. The master has once or twice been cautioned for slight deviations from the bounds of temperance; and the schoolmaster, knowing his vulnerable point, got him "on the loose" immediately after the payment of the last quarter's salaries. The party enjoyed themselves in the town, and had they prudently remained there all would have been well.

The Schoolmaster, however, "(Sly Dog)" proposed on adjournment to "The House", and here the libations were continued, and the porter was enticed to join the party, which did not separate till night had thrown her mantle over this sublunary sphere. The next morning the schoolmaster lodged a complaint against the master for being "drunk on the premises". An inquiry followed; the part of the schoolmaster was revealed, and just as he was revelling in the idea of succession to the disgraced master, he was also informed, that he might transfer his valuable services elsewhere; adding another, though a paltry illustration, to the quotation that "Vaulting ambition doth o'er leap itself". The master was allowed to withdraw; and from his long experience and high character in the administration of the Poor Law, will doubtless be reinstated elsewhere. In future let him beware invitations by schoolmasters to potations.

Disorderly Houses

At the general annual licensing meeting at Ely, on the 23rd ultimo, the license of James Cuttriss, Rose and Crown; William Cuttriss, the Three Blackbirds; Daniel Cuttriss, Highflyer; and Robert Cuttriss, Black Bull, all in Ely, were suspended until Thursday last, for keeping disorderly houses, the magistrates taking time to consider the most desirable steps to be taken to stop the torrent of vice and infamy consequent upon the irregular and improper manner in which the four brothers have conducted the houses kept by them. At the adjourned Sessions on Thursday, the Justices expressed their determination resolutely to refuse the licenses to all persons keeping irregular houses, thus striking at the root of much immorality and profaneness; and after giving the three first a most sever reprimand, and to understand if the complaints were renewed the licenses would be unhesitatingly taken away from them, the license to Robert Cuttriss, jun., he having kept a most notoriously wicked house, was refused.

Ely
To Merchants, Maltsters, & Brewers
Free Public House
With Lime Kiln Malting,
and Mercantile Premises.
To be Let in one Lot or Two Lots
That well known Free and commodious Inn called the Cutter, now in full trade situate on Ansdale Quay, next the River Ouze, and near the Railway Station, with Garden, Large Yard, Stables for eight horses and convenient lodges and sheds, together with a valuable Lime Kiln and Clunch lodges adjoining. Also a dwelling House connected therewith called "The Cutter Tap" situate in Broad St, with Garden and convenient outbuildings.
Likewise an extensive and substantially built Malting with a 13 quarter steep Malt Kiln, Malt Chambers and Granaries over same; and a Cottage adjoining.
The Premises extend from Broad St for the whole length of Cutter Lane down to Ansdale Quay, and the River Ouze (which is now navigable for Keels) and are situate within a very short distance of the Railway Station, and they are enclosed with gates and subject to no interruption but a right of roadway for the owner of the premises lying on the north side of the Malting. The property is well worth the attention of any active spirited and respectable person.
The whole is in excellent repair and possession may be had on the 11th October next.
For further particulars apply to Mr. C. M. Bidwell, land agent and surveyor Ely.

Burnt Fen First District.
Notice is hereby given, that a General Half Yearly Meeting of the Commissioners acting in execution of the Acts of Parliament now in force for the Drainage of the above District, will be holden at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday, 5th October next, at Twelve o'clock at noon.
Dated this twelfth day of September 1848
T & G Archer, Clerks to the Commissioners.

September 23 1848

Death at Ely, on the 11th instant, Harry, infant son of Mr. John Harlock, of Broad St, Ely.

Election of Governor etc., of Ely Union
The election of officers of the Ely Union took place on Thursday last; for the situation of Governor there were upwards of twenty candidates. The Guardians, 24 present, W. Layton Esq., chairman, proceeded at their weekly meeting to fill up the vacant situations. After examining the testimonials, which were very numerous and creditable to the various parties, the following five persons were selected, from whom the future Governor should be chosen, viz., Mr W. Boughen, Ely; Mr. Goddard Johnson, Thetford; Mr Wm. Hills, Downham; Mr. M. W. Cutlack, formerly of Ely; and a Mr Clarke, London. Mr. Wm. Saberton then proposed, and Mr. Charles Porter seconded, Mr Boughen; Mr James Cheesewright proposed, and Mr John Owen seconded, Mr. Wm. Hills.
None of the others being proposed and seconded, a poll took place with the following results.

Mr Boughen 14, Mr Hills 4. The election of the schoolmaster and mistress was adjourned until next Thursday. Mr and Mrs Warren, who formerly held these situations, and Mr Stevens, being allowed to be the only candidates. The late schoolmaster of the Peterboro' Union, a son of Crispin, was appointed porter.

Narrow Escape

On Tuesday morning, a lady with a child was crossing the line at the Ely station, for the Lynn Train. Notwithstanding the continual solicitations of the companys' servants to passengers to pursue the proper course across the line, many injudicious persons wait their opportunity, and persist in the dangerous course of crossing the line.

This lady no sooner reached the centre of the rails than the Peterborough down train came up unobserved by her, when the engine man raised his whistle, which so paralysed the unfortunate woman as to render her unable to move; and had it not been for the speedy assistance of Mr. Creak, news-agent, and another person, the poor woman and child would have been crushed to pieces. This was one of the most affecting and distressing cases witnessed at this station.

On seeing her danger, the lady clasped the child and remained in a bending position, as if in a moment she and her offspring would be launched into eternity; but happily through the prompt and praiseworthy assistance of the above gentleman, she was raised from the rails to the platform, a distance of nearly three feet, when the buffer of the engine cleared her clothes.

We hope this will be a sufficient caution for passengers to cross the galleries.

Isle of Ely

Notice is hereby given, that William Cooper Esq., the Barrister appointed to Revise the Lists of Voters in the Election of Knights of the Shire for the County of Cambridge, has appointed Courts to be held for the Revision of such Lists, so far as respects the Isle of Ely at the places and times aftermentioned.

At the Sessions House in the City of Ely on Thursday 5th of October next at half-past ten o'clock in the forenoon for revising the said Lists for Downham, St Mary in Ely, the Holy Trinity in Ely, Littleport; in the Hundred of Ely

Coveney, Haddenham, Mepal, Stretham, Sutton, Thetford, Wentworth, Wilburton, Witcham, Witchford; in the south part of the Hundred of Witchford.

Chatteris, Manea, Welches Dam; in the North part of the Hundred of Witchford.

And for all other Parishes, Hamlets or places in the said Isle (if any) not hereinbefore enumerated.

Hugh Jackson

Clerk of the Peace for the Isle of Ely.

Isle of Ely Police Intelligence

Ely – before the Very Rev. the Dean, the Rev. G. Millers and Wm. Layton, Esq.

Wm Harrison, of Downham, farmer, summoned for unlawfully assaulting and beating Alice Cooper. Neither parties appeared, the case was dismissed.

Sarah Sindall, of Ely Trinity single-woman charged with assaulting Eliza Pledge of Soham. Case dismissed.

Joseph Chambers, of Ely Trinity, butcher, charged with an assault on Charlotte Brown, of Ely Trinity. Allowed to settle out of court.

September 30 1848

To Brewers, Publicans, and others

Desirable situation for a

Public-House

In Newnham, Ely

To be Sold by Auction by George Legge

At the Kings Arms Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 5th October 1848 at seven o'clock in the evening.

All that desirable and substantially built brick and tiled Messuage, with a Cottage adjoining, and a piece of land behind, situate in Newnham, Ely, being the corner house with two frontages 49 ft on the west, 49 ft on north, lately occupied by Mr. Edward Luddington.
Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Porta.
The above premises are eligibly situated for a Public House being near to the Cattle market and adjoining the principal entrance to Ely from the Fens.
Immediate Possession
For further particulars apply to Messrs. Dench, Solicitors, or the Auctioneer, Ely.

The South Level
The tolls arising from the navigation in this level were put up for sale or hire on Wednesday last, at the Bell Inn, Ely. The Tolls were let at the last hiring for £3,000; but on the present occasion there was no competition. The present lessees offered a reduced sum for the tolls, but as he did not reach the reserve set upon them by the Commissioners they remain for the present in the hands of the Commission. There is little doubt, however, that they will ultimately be disposed of by private contract.

Ely Statute
The statute at this place was holden on Thursday, but was particularized by nothing worthy of notice. The "old inhabitants" talked of it as it was in its palmy days, and then turned with a mirth-moving lugubrity of countenance to the few gingerbread stalls and walnut stands which were before them. Walnuts and bloaters formed the staple articles of trade, and the vendors of these, with a wheel of fortune, a man selling lace for a wager(?), and trying his lungs against a dealer in cheap literature, a couple of ballad singers, a broker with some harness looking as if it had been dug up in the fens, and some booths for eatables, whose contents looked anything but inviting, made up the motley collection. There was a full attendance of lads and lasses of all vocations for hiring, but few of them found employers; one talkative fellow boasting of his capabilities as a groom, said he was the best in the country, as could be proved by the seven employers he had had during the year just expired! Altogether the statute did few people any good, except the riff-raff and the beer shop keepers. These latter had plenty of custom.

Ely Diocesan Missionary Meeting
The second meeting was holden last Tuesday. The purposes are the four following
1/. To bring together from all parts of the diocese those who desire to forward the great work of preaching the Gospel of Christ to the World.
2/. To offer up united prayers in the Cathedral of the Diocese for the divine blessing on this work.
3/. To receive reports of contributions to the four societies of the church which are engaged in the prosecution of Missionary operations. – The society for promoting Christian Knowledge, the Society for the propogation of the Gospel. The Church Missionary Society and the Society for the conversion of the Jews.
The proceedings commenced with divine Service in the Cathedral at half past ten in the morning. The Bishop was absent from Ely in consequence of ill health, and the Dean, who was to have taken his place was advised not to attend in consequence of the wet weather which might aggravate an affection of the chest with which he was troubled. The Rev. Professor Scholefield was called upon to preside.
Full account on page 3 cols 1, 2 & 3.

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Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions
Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions of the Peace will be holden at the Sessions House, in Ely, on Wednesday the eighteenth of October instant at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, at which hour the chair

will be taken, and all Jurors, Constables, and persons bound by recognizance, and others having occasion to attend are required to give their attendance accordingly
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace.

Ely
Wm Cooper, Esq., the Revising Barrister, held a court for the revising the list of voters for this part of the Isle on Thursday last. Not the least interest was excited and business was chiefly confined to the striking off the names of parties who had disposed of their qualifications or had died. The number of new claims was exceedingly small.

The Health of Towns Act
A requisition is in course of signature at Ely, and has already obtained the necessary number, for requiring the general board to send down an inspector to report as to the drainage, sewerage, and supply of water, and as to applying the Act of last session for the sanitary improvement of the place. Doubtless it is desirable to rid ourselves of the filth and stench existing in all parts of the town, and many necessary improvements will be carried out by a Board chosen from the inhabitants of the town, which if left to surveyors will not and cannot be done. We are pleased to observe the first to sign the requisition was the Lord Bishop.

Longevity
There are two persons living within ten miles of Ely whose united ages amount to 212.
Mrs Gilbey Gilbert, of Welney, aged 102, and Mr Holmes of Southery, aged 110: they can both walk a mile with greater ease than many fifty years younger.
Drunkenness
On Saturday morning two fellows having settled for their harvest, betook themselves to Gilgal pubic-house, and having swallowed six quarts of beer, proceeded to Ely, where with another, at the Chequers, they took another quart. The two then adjourned to a liquor-shop and added to their previous excesses a pint of porter, ninepenny worth of gin, and a shillings-worth of brandy. One of them Henry Veal, aged 33, shortly afterwards fell down in a beastly state of intoxication, near the police-station, when someone who knew him, fearful lest he should be locked up, gained permission of Mr. J. Sayers to put him in the stable. Shortly afterwards he was discovered to be dead. On the following Monday an inquest was held before Wm. Marshall, Esq., Coroner, and a verdict returned of "Died from excessive drinking." Diceased has left a wife and four small children: his brother George is a teetotaller of long standing.

The South Level - Mr Granger's Motion
A Meeting of the South Level Commissioners was holden yesterday, at the Bull Inn, Cambridge. The notice paper was a heavy one, but the most important business was the consideration of Mr. Granger's proposition to make a new cut, for the purpose of straightening the channel of the River Ouse thereby benefiting (as he maintained) the drainage of the lands above Ely.
There was a large attendance, the number of Commissioners reaching 30. Wm. Layton, Esq., occupied the chair. The first business was to audit and pass the accounts, this matter took but a little time, as they had already passed through the hands of a committee.
The following is an abstract of the receipts and disbursements from April 7 to October 5, 1848.

Receipts	£	S	D
Balance of last accounts	2305	7	4
On account of Navigation Tolls	1500	0	0
By rent of Herbage of Banks etc.	68	6	6
Of the Receiver to the Bedford Level Corporation, for the allotment made at Whitsuntide Meeting 1847	137	0	0
	4010	13	10

Disbursements				£	S	D
Labour on the Works				198	13	0
Working on the Dredging Engine				426	18	4
Ten mile River Committee, on account of money received from the Bedford Level Corp. for deepening the river				193	10	8
Parliamentary Expenses				200	0	0
Repayment of Loans				1100	0	0
Payments on account of interest on Loans. To	£	S	D			
the Creditors	602	6	10	620	16	11
To the Collectors of Income Tax	18	10	1			
Tradesmens Bills and miscellaneous payments				650	16	6
Bankers' Balance				619	18	5
				4010	13	10

Mr Granger's Motion

Mr. Granger, upon being called upon by the Chairman entered into a review of the drainage of the country before the passing of the Act under which the Commissioners were empowered. He then proceeded to argue that his scheme would give parties above Ely the benefit of Sandy's Cut. The widening the river in its present channel would be next to impracticable; the powers once possessed for so doing had lapsed, and in addition the Eastern Counties Railway Company had planted a forest of timber in the river. His plan proposed three new openings at Ely, and would be effected at an expense of between six and seven thousand pounds. He proposed to appropriate the surplus funds, £1,200, a year in the hands of the Commissioners, to the discharge of the liability to be incurred on account of the works. Mr. Granger laid upon the table plans and sections of the alteration. He moved – "That application be made to Parliament in the next session for a bill empowering the South Level Drainage and Navigation Commissioners to construct, out of their funds, a new cut for straightening the course of the river Ouze from a point about a furlong above the Cawdle Fen engine to Ely Bridge: also a new cut commencing from the said bridge and to be carried along the wash lands called Babylon, to a point about eight chains below the common muck hill railway bridge, the said works to be in general accordance with the plan now produced, and the bill to contain the requisite powers for the purchase of land and for carrying out the work, together with clauses to prevent the use of the Babylon Cut as a navigation channel."

Mr. Ellis seconded the motion.

Mr Moseley considered that the alteration was unnecessary, and further it would not afford any benefit to the lands above Ely, since there was no use making a cut at the back of Ely because the water could not get away at Denver Sluice

There would no doubt be an opposition from the mercantile interest at Ely, and then the act, if got at all, would cost £5,000. He thought the Haddenham gentlemen should act cautiously on the subject, as if they went to Parliament they would doubtless be brought into the general taxation, instead of paying half tax as at present. He proposed as an amendment, "That no satisfactory information has been laid before this meeting to show that the water in time of land floods is held up at a higher level above Ely bridge then below it: but the Commissioners are ready to institute an inquiry into the subject; and in the event of its appearing that any impediment exists to the drainage of the country, the Commissioners will take any steps that may be available for affording the requisite relief by the improvement of the present channel.

Mr Harlock senr. Seconded the amendment.

Mr Cropley followed on the same side, the only benefit would be when the water was getting up in the washes, and when the river was pretty full. There was no more fall below Ely Bridge than at any other point. Mr Cropley entered at great length into the subject of the expense, and objected most strenuously to its being incurred.

Mr Granger replied asking, if having to pass the water of a river 70 feet wide through a river 50ft wide, was no reason for the improvement. Besides, if Mr. Hall carried his motion on they would have to fill up the river at Ely. He contended that faith would not be kept with the county above Ely which joined in the application for the South Level Bill, and was taxed under it.

Mr. Witt said he had previously voted with Mr. Granger, but the expense had since frightened him. However, he thought the matter would be beneficial and he could not vote against him. He advised that the matter should be referred to a committee, should be thoroughly inquired into, and a report made.
Mr Fuller said the river required improvement below and not above Ely. The fall above was at present greater then that below Ely.
The Chairman said if it could be shown that the lands above Ely were suffering he should be the first to vote for the motion, but it could not.
The Chairman asked Mr. Archer whether the raising such a sum would not prejudice them with their creditors. Mr Human being asked by the Chairman, said the estimates for the works was £4,418 independent of the expenses of the act.
Mr Archer replied, that Parliament would not allow them to prejudice the creditors, and the money would have to be raised by increased taxes. To meet the expenditure it would be necessary to make the following increase in the taxes, viz:- to raise the 3d tax to 4d; the 6d tax to 8d; the 1s tax to 1s 4d; the 5s tax to 6s 8d.
Mr Granger withdrew his motion until he heard the result of Mr. Fuller's motion relative to the discharge of the debt. He should however bring it forward again.
Mr Fuller moved the discharge of the debt £26,000, by annual instalments of £1,500 a year. The motion was negatived.
A claim to compensation by Mr. Hall for damage done to a gateway by reason of scour created by the works of the Commissioners in the river. The matter was ultimately referred to counsel for opinion of the liability of the Commissioners to compensate Mr Hall and other proprietors.
Other business of minor importance was disposed of.

October 14 1848

Witcham near Ely
The Rectorial Glebe Lands
Will be Let by Auction by W. Medland
On Tuesday 17 October, 1848 at the Crown Public House, in Witcham in eight lots; the letting to commence at Three o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

Ely Light Weights and Deficient Measures.
"A false balance is abomination to the Lord, but a just weight is his delight." The Inspector of Division No. 1 of the isle of Ely has lately, in performance of his important duties, taken a survey of his district, the result of which is likely to be producive of much good, when it is considered that the safety of commerce and the good of the community so much depend upon just and proper weight and measure. Our readers will rejoice that the day of retribution has arrived, and those who rob the public in every transaction were summoned to answer for the same before the Justices assembled last Thursday, viz; the Rev. Dr. Fardell, the Rev. G. Millers and Wm. Layton Esq., whose administration of justice it is hoped, will deter others from pursuing such disgraceful practices.

The following parties were fined in the undermentioned sums.

		£	S	D
Willson, Matthew, Burnt Fen	Unjust balances and light weights	4	14	0
Ralph, Thomas, Littleport	"	4	12	0
Large, John, Ely	"	4	11	0
Peyton, Josiah, Stuntney	"	2	11	6
Stevenson, William, Littleport	"	3	12	6
Freeman, Elizabeth, Alldrey	"	2	14	6
Clark, Elizabeth, Ely	"	1	11	6
Bailey, James, Ely	"	2	11	6
Roberts, John, Ely	"	1	11	6
Anslow, William, Ely	"	4	11	6
Robinson, John, Ely	"	2	11	6
Watts, Sarah, Ely	"	1	11	6

Roberts, Thomas, Ely	"	2	11	6
Hills, Maria, Ely	"	2	11	6
Sherwin, George, Ely	deficient measure	2	11	6
Roan, William, Ely	"	1	11	6
Osborne, Robert, Ely	"	1	1	6
Layton, Aaron, Ely	"	1	11	6
Thrush, John, Littleport	"	1	12	0
Sallis, Little, Littleport	"	2	12	6
Howe, David, Littleport	"	1	12	6
Giddies, William, Coveney	"	2	13	0
Smith, Israel, Coveney	"	2	13	0
Yarrow, John, Thetford	"	2	11	6
Langford, Hiram, Stretham	"	1	12	0
Benton, William, Ely	"	2	11	6
Royston, Thomas, Ely	Unjust balance	4	11	6
Wheeler, William, Stretham	Light weights	1	12	0
Parish, William, Stretham	"	1	2	0

The fine in the latter case was laid small, it appearing that Parish omitted to have his weights adjusted through ignorance, not knowing it was requisite to have them tried.

Suicide

On Friday week, a woman named Taylor, whose husband lately came into possession of some property by the late noted Sally Vaughan, of this place, enquired for lodgings at Mrs. Lester's, of the Fore Hill, and begged that she might stay there for the night; she was clean and respectable, and after sitting down she made known the object of her pursuit. She retired to bed at eight o'clock, and asked for a little water, as she was sure she would need it in the night. A Mrs. Cook and her husband slept in the same room; and on their going to bed Mrs. Taylor enquired after the water, and requested them to put it on the window. In the morning the Cooks complained that the new lodger made a strange noise in the night; whereupon Mrs Lester accompanied them to the bedside and symptoms were observed which induced them to send for Dr. Pearson, who applied an antidote for poison, but at eight o'clock the woman died. An inquest was held on Saturday, before Mr. Marshall, coroner, and was adjourned until Tuesday evening, when it appeared that deceased's husband had been a poor labouring man, lately residing at Little Downham, in the isle, and had been as comfortable with his wife as humble means would allow; but, coming into possession of property, he took to dissipation, ruined himself, sold all his effects, and deserted his wife. It appeared that the poor woman had been endeavouring to find her husband, but all her wanderings for that purpose being fruitless, her life became a burden to her; and upon examination of her stomach, upwards of two ounces of laudanum were found in it. A verdict was returned to the effect that she had destroyed herself under mental distraction.

Attempted Suicide at Chettisham, near Ely.

On Monday last, the hamlet was thrown into excitement by a report that Mr. Robert Layton had cut his throat, and which proved too true. Mr. Muriel, surgeon, being sent for, found the throat cut three times. He dressed the wounds, but very little hope is entertained of the sufferer's recovery. Mr Layton had for some time been considered of unsound mind.

October 21 1848

Middle Fen District

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Commissioners acting in execution of the various Acts of Parliament relating to the Drainage of the above district, will be held at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Monday 23rd October instant at two o'clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment from the last meeting. And that the Commissioners will meet previously on the same day at Harromeer Mill, at eleven o'clock, forenoon, to inspect the bank hitherto kept and maintained by the owners and

occupiers of certain embanked lands called Hicken High Fen, and certain other embanked lands formerly belonging to John Drage, gentleman, and referred to in the said Acts or one of them.
Dated this eleventh day of October, 1848.
T. & G. Archer, Clerks to the Commissioners.

Middle Level Drainage
Notice is hereby given, that the next General Meeting of the Middle Fen Drainage Commissioners appointed under an Act, passed in the 50th year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act for improving the Drainage of certain lands within the north and south west parts of the Middle Level part of the Great Level of the Fens, commonly called the "Bedford Level," and under an Act, passed in the 7th and 8th years of the reign of her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for improving the Drainage and Navigation of the Middle Level of the Fens," and also under the "Middle Level Drainage Amendment Act, 1848", or any of them, will be holden at the George Inn, Chatteris, on Thursday 2nd November next, at twelve o'clock, noon, pursuant to the directions of the said Acts, for the purpose of further proceeding to carry the said Acts into Execution.
Geo. Gameday
Clerk to the Middle Level Drainage Commissioners
St. Ives, October 18, 1848

Death at Ely, on Saturday last, in the 52 year of her age, deeply lamented, Maria, the wife of Mr. M. Scott, of that place.

On Wednesday, the 18th instant, Mr. Josh. Southwell, aged 73 years.
Ely Quarter Sessions
At the Quarter Sessions for this Isle, there was only one prisoner for trial, for an offence within the Hundred of Ely. There were 23 indictments preferred, only one of which was ignored, and only one prisoner was acquitted. Twelve of the prisoners were above 21 years of age, eleven could read and write, and three could only read; nine could neither read or write, three of which were sentenced to transportation; the only other transported could read and write, and had been, although only 16 years of age, before transported. Five of the prisoners were defended by Counsel, but all convicted; the only prisoner found not guilty, Mary Ann Henson, defended herself.

Fire
On Sunday morning last a fire broke out on the premises of Mr. Gooby, of Fraise-end, Haddenham. The barn and outbuildings were destroyed, together with the produce of an acre and a half of seed-clover. The house was saved by the exertions of the inhabitants. Mr Gooby was partially insured.

Middle Level Drainage Meeting
Was holden at the Griffin Inn, March, at eleven o'clock forenoon, called by the Commissioners.
Full long account on page 4, cols, 4, 5, 6.
October 28 1848
Ely
Eau Brink Navigation
The annual meeting of the Commissioners of the above navigation, was holden yesterday (Friday) at Ely. Owing to the unfavourable state of the weather (we presume) there was but a vey thin attendance. The principal business was the auditing of the accounts of gentlemen to whom money had been intrusted for the repair of the haling-ways in their several districts. The usual yearly accounts were passed and the meeting adjourned.

The Fens

The Floods

Never within living memory did the fens at this time of the year present so cheerless and sad a prospect. The roads are impassable, and the rivers full of water from bank to bank. The dykes and drains in many parts are equally full, and some banks have blown and others are in a very insecure state. The land itself is so completely saturated with wet, and rotten, that in many of the oldest drained districts the houses are continually miring down, whilst in several others, the sowing of wheat this season has been abandoned altogether. The floods having set in so early, the water will be no doubt high during the coming winter, and thus in several ways entail heavy losses and expenses on the different occupiers. But little perceptible benefit has been rendered by the new drain to the westward portion of the Middle Level. In the North Level matters are a great deal worse, the water there being on the land to a considerable depth, and many acres of oats and barley, both cut and uncut, remain on the fields. From these causes the breadth of wheat sown in the fens must be very far below the average.

Important to Publicans

It may not perhaps be generally known, that by the Act 11 and `12 Vic. c. 121, which took effect on the 11th instant, every dealer and retailer of spirits is required, under a penalty of £100, to provide a book and to write and enter therein, in proper columns, the date when, and the christian and surname of the person (or the firms) from whom; and what place, all spirits brought into stock were received, the number of gallons, the kind of such spirit, and the strength; also on the day which he sends out any spirits exceeding one gallon, with the name of the person and place to which such spirits are sent, the number of gallons, kind of spirits, and strength.

This book is to be preserved by the trader (with all certificates with spirits) for 12 months, and to be at all times open to the inspection of the excise.

All spirits by dealers to retailers are to be accompanied by a certificate, and spirits exceeding one gallon, sold by a dealer and retailer, are to be accompanied by a certificate.

November 4 1848

Death at Ely, on Saturday last, aged 56, Mr Robert Layton.

Middle Level Drainage

Half-yearly meeting of the Commissioners was holden on Thursday at the George Inn, Chatteris. 70 gentlemen present, John Fryer, Esq., chairman.

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The Fens

The great and all-absorbing topic of conversation now is the weather, and the wet state of the lands. Very little land in March, and the surrounding districts is fit for sowing wheat; in many instances this idea has been abandoned, and the land presents a discouraging prospect. In a certain district where the Mill was unfortunately neglected during the summer, the dikes are more than full, and the land is in some parts drowned; when this mill was required to be running it had to undergo repair. In a tour through the fens we noticed in one instance an ingenious contrivance in the use of one of the old horse mills, which brought to memory days of yore, before wind and steam came into operation.

A main drain ran through the farm; the water in this was too high to drain the land: the owner strikes a dam, and by fixing an old mill worked by two horses by the side of a ditch raises the water out of the ditches into the main drain, and thus at the trifling expense of a boy and two horses the water was lowered in the dikes two feet per day, and fifty acres of land rendered in a fit state for cultivation, which otherwise would have been comparatively useless. We have been told that a farmer in the neighbourhood is actually ploughing between the shocks of oats as they stand in the field not worth carrying. An important question arises from reflecting on the present state of the country, what will become of the farmer of ten and twenty acres, and the allotment of tenants? Potatoes are a failure, and the land is too wet for wheat seeding. These are things over which we have no control, therefore it is the duty of creatures to submit to the dispensations of an all-wise

Creator, who is too wise to err, and too good to be unkind. We, then, as willing subjects, must wait His appointed time, who has promised that seed-time and harvest shall not fail.

November 11 1848

Isle of Ely Adjourned Sessions

Will be holden at the Guildhall in March, in the said Isle, on Tuesday 14th November instant, at half-past Twelve o'clock in the afternoon, on which day and at which time the business relating to the assessment, application, or management of the Isle stock or Rates will commence and be done, and transacted in open Court.

Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace

Wisbech, 1st November 1848

High Street, Ely

Valuable Household Furniture

Books, Pianoforte, Glass, China and Earthenware,

Britscha, Shower Baths and Effects

To be Sold by Auction

By George Legge

On the Premises, on Monday and Tuesday 13th and 14th of November next, punctually at eleven o'clock each day, part of the Household Furniture etc., of H. R. Evans, Esq., who is changing his residence.

May be viewed on Saturday 11th November from 11 to 3 o'clock. Catalogues are preparing, and may be had at the Fountain, St. Ives; George, Chatteris; Crown, Soham; White Hart, Newmarket; Bell Inn, Mildenhall; of Mr Hills, printer, Ely; and of the auctioneer, High St. Ely.

Ely Cattle Market

120 Prime Short-horned Beasts

To Be Sold by Auction

By George Legge

In the Cattle market, Ely, precisely at Eleven o'clock, on Thursday November 23rd 1848.

Thirty four years-old, Ninety two and three years old Steers, and some few Heifers, the property of Henry Lawrence Esq. The Beasts are of the true short-horned breed, and have been carefully selected by Mr. Lawrence from the principal Downham Markets.

The Auctioneer begs to invite the attention of Graziers and dealers to this important sale, and to assure them that the beasts have been in the hands of the Proprietor for some time, and are perfectly free form disease.

To be sold without reserve.

Marriage on the 7th instant, at Ely, Mr. Robert Smith to Elizabeth Dewsberry, for 31 years a faithful servant in the family of William Marshall Esq.

Ely Concert

We perceive by the programme issued for the concert to be holden at the Town-hall, Ely, next Wednesday under the management of Mr. Brown of Cambridge, that the amount of talent engaged for the occasion, is such as to obtain for the inhabitants a treat rarely if ever before offered them. The attendance promised is such as to ensure a large audience.

Sanitary Measures

During the week communications have been received from the Board of Health, which signifies that the necessary notices are in preparation and will shortly appear of the Inspectors' attendance when the amount and weight of evidence which will be offered will be such as to convince a stranger that the natural position of the town for all purposes of draining has never been appreciated, that nuisances of a dangerous character abound from one end of the city to the other; and that in some

parts the inhabitants are wallowing in their mire. It is stated that some houses in Potter's Lane have not been cleaned out since the last cholera visitation; that twelve are built without outhouses, on a site of sixteen square yards, having above eighty persons living therein, with but one open bin which receives the sail from the privy: and the ashes etc.; that many of the inhabitants never use the privy, but empty their filth just out of their doors. One lodging house, with two small chambers, sometimes sleeps between thirty and forty people, and close to the back door, within three or four yards, is a pig stye, with heaps of muck, greens, bones, and the soil of the privy manure down the yard. Can it be surprising to know that the epidemic diseases which have proved so fatal, and increased the fatality of Ely above other places, emanate from these places? Indeed some are endeavouring to meet approaching disease, and one of our Surveyors has the effrontery to say the Health of Towns bill is not wanted here.

South Level Drainage etc., Meeting of the Commissioners
A Special Meeting took place yesterday (Friday) at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, at 12 o'clock, to consider the propriety of rescinding or altering an order made at the last general meeting of the Commissioners on the 6th October for taking the opinion of counsel as to the liability of the Commissioners to compensate Messrs. George and John Hall for injury stated by them to have arisen to a building, their property, by reason of the works of the Commissioners.
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November 18 1848
Ely Concert
The concert on Wednesday was not so well attended as it deserved nothwithstanding it went off with much éclat. The instrumental music was given in a superior style, particularly the solos on the flute by Mr. Wells, and on the cornet-a-piston by Mr. Large. The star of the evening, Miss Stewart, delighted the audience.

November 25 1848
Ely Fairs, Markets and Corn Exchange Company
A Meeting of the shareholders of the Company will be held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 7th December next, at six o'clock in the evening.
Goodwyn Archer, Secretary

Purchase of Ely Gas Works
An offer having been made to the Gas Inspectors of Ely, for the sale of the above Works, and the same being deemed by them worthy of public attention.

Notice is hereby given, that a public meeting of the Inhabitants is particularly requested at the Shire Hall, on Monday next, 27th instant, at Twelve o'clock, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of purchasing the same, and the best means of raising the capital.
By Order of the Inspectors,
W. Marshall, Clerk
Ely November 21, 1848

Ely Cattle Sale
The third annual sale of Mr. Lawrence's beasts took place in the market, by Mr. Legge, on Thursday last. There were 120 of them of the short-horn breed from one to three years old; and although beast are considered lower in price than they were a few months back they met with a ready sale at fair prices, notwithstanding it, being an annual system of disposing of cattle in the open market. The three year olds sold at from £21 18s. to £25 5s a pair; the 2 year olds from £14 10s. to £18.; and the yearlings from £7 to £13. Small beast are continued to be very heavy of sale now, in consequence of the number of young Irish that are now brought over being diseased.

Medical Society
A Medical Society has been established in this city, under the presidency of Mr. Muriel, senior, to meet once a month for the reception and consideration of communications connected with the science and practice of medicine.

Public Museum
We are glad to find that steps are in progress to add a Public Museum to the institutions of this improving city.

December 2 1848

Ely Fairs

Markets and Corn Exchange Company
A Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 7th December next at Six o'clock in the evening.
Goodwyn Archer, Secretary.

Middle Level Drainage
The Committee have borrowed £200,000 at 4½ per cent, to be secured on the taxes, and more can be had if required. They are proceeding with great activity and energy. The plans and sections of the whole of the intended works throughout the Level are nearly finished, and the works will be immediately put out in one contract, to be completed with all possible expedition; so that all parties throughout the Level may rest alike assured that nothing will be wanting to improve their drainage, and to give all the important benefits contemplated by the Act.

Ely
Purchase of Gas Works
On Monday last, a Meeting of the Inhabitants was held at the Shire Hall, for the purpose of considering the propriety of purchasing the gas works by the formation of a company. There were present, Geo. Hall, J. Muriel, H. Rayner, T. Archer, and W. Marshall, Esqrs.,; and amongst others Messrs Scott, Haylock, Careless, Portington, and Ingram. G. Hall Esq. having taken the chair, briefly stated that the present proprietor had communicated to the Inspectors his desire to dispose of the works, and had furnished them with certain information which would be given to the public if they determined to treat, and it would be most proper first to ascertain whether such was their wish. Mr Matthew Scott thought that at present it would not be wise to purchase, but to wait and see the effect of the electric light, which he was informed would come about one twelfth of the present price of gas; at all events their present contract for three years assured them that they would not be without light, and it was impossible to say what would occur in that time. Mr Muriel expressed his opinion to be favourable to the view taken by Mr. Scott. Mr Archer conceived that they ought first to ascertain whether they could raise the necessary funds, stated to be about £5,000. Mr Bacon, after mentioning a few facts relating to the previous offer of the works to the town, its enlargement since, the reduction of the price of gas in eight years from 15s to 7s 6d per thousand to private consumers, and the necessity of the town putting itself in such a position as to obtain the best supply of pure gas at a fair price; took a practical view of the question, dissecting the various expenses, and concluding, assuming the terms to the fair, that if a company were formed, and the shareholders would be content with 5 per cent per annum, in a few years the factory etc., might become the entire property of the town, gas might be supplied at 3s per thousand, and the present lighting-rate reduced about half.
The Chairman then put it to the meeting whether they should endeavour to purchase, one individual only holding up his hand for that proposition.

December 9 1848

Ely Nuisances

The Nuisances Removal Act is likely to prove of very little utility in this city, where it is to be regretted that cleanliness in too many instances is little cared for. A correspondent comments upon the conduct of the surveyor, who, he says, chooses to run counter to the spirit of this wholesome measure; and in cases where parties endeavour to be obedient by getting their manure etc., out to be carted away, and rigorous measures have been enforced, and the parties fined for doing that which the guardians enjoin, he threatens in all instances, unless the nuisance is removed after 10 o'clock at night and before six in the morning to enforce the penalties under the Highway Act, which perpetuates many abominations which would be otherwise removed. Farmers find a day's work for men and horses sufficient, without employing them at night.

Dangerous State of Soham Road

The road leading from the Lamb Corner to Delph Bridge reflects great disgrace upon the surveyors. The repairs of the several turnpike roads having been thrown upon the parishes since the mortgagees withdrew possession, broken gigs, carts, and wagons are of daily occurrence, and unless something is speedily done, life and limb will be in jeopardy, to say nothing of bad roads for two years, and the vast sum of money which will be fooled away.

Ely Union Contracts

The Board of Guardians of the above Union give notice that they will, at their Weekly Meeting at the Union Workhouse in Ely, on Thursday 14th December instant, receive Tenders for supplying the said Workhouse and the Out-door Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham relief Districts, with the following articles, from the 21st December instant, for fourteen weeks.
Good Thirds Flour, at per stone
Good Bread made of same quality flour (24 hours old) at per 4lb loaf.
Good Beef, (Clods, Stickings, or brisket, without Bone) and Suet at per stone.
Fore quarters of Mutton, (not weighing less than 20 lbs) and Suet at per stone
To be delivered at the said Workhouse at such times, in such quantities, as the Board of Guardians shall order, and to be supplied to the Paupers in every parish, in such quantities as shall be expressed in tickets issued by the Relieving Officer.
Tenders to be delivered to my office on or before nine a.m. of the 14th instant.
William Marshall, Clerk
Instructions and Conditions of contract same as previous quarters.

The Police and the Norfolk Murders.

Mr. Inspector Lees, by direction of the Chief Constable, Capt. Hampton, preferred a complaint before the Bench of Magistrates assembled in petty sessions at Ely, on Thursday 7th instant, against p.c. Charter for neglect of duty, in not attending to a telegraphic message relative to the death of Mr. Jermy. It appeared that p.c. Charter was on duty at the station house when the message was brought; the bearer without giving any explanation, threw himself on the sofa and went to sleep, the message having been written in so cramped a hand, that the p.c. could not decipher it for some time. Upon examination it appeared he did not report the circumstance to his Inspector, or seek for any explanation in the matter, very coolly leaving the paper on the desk, where it was found in the morning about ten o'clock by Inspector Lees who, although late, did all in his power to comply with the requisition. The magistrates were of opinion that blame could only be attached to p.c. Charter, and ordered that he should be fined in the sum of forty shillings, and reduced to the rank and pay of third class p.c., stating at the same time that it was only in consequence of the character Captain Hampton was enabled to give for his previous good conduct that they did not order his dismissal. It would be as well to observe that persons in the telegraphic offices cannot be too particular in rendering their messages legible.

December 16 1848

Ely – Soham Road

Those who are in the habit of travelling on this road will be glad to learn that proceedings have been commenced for compelling the parties liable to repair it. In many places between Delph Bridge and the Lamb Inn, Ely, it is in an extremely dangerous state. Mr. W. M. King, of Soham, and Mr. Matthew Scott, of Ely, attended by their attorney, Mr. Archer, appeared before the Justices at Ely, on Thursday, and made the necessary complaint. The public are much indebted to these gentlemen for the service they are performing, and we heartily wish them good success in their effort to make the surveyors of Ely mend their ways.

Ely Union

There appears to be much disunion in this establishment. The Guardians were on the 8th instant, engaged several hours in hearing complaints made by the porter against the new Governor, which appear to have emanated from a vindictive feeling. The result has been the dismissal of the porter.

Christmas Shew

A splendid shew of beast was made on Thursday last in our market, which if consumed at the approaching festive season must make Ely renowned for its prime Christmas meat. Our old friend Worster had fifty-nine as good oxen as eyes ever saw, or appetite desired to feed upon. Two black oxen fed by Mr Benjamin Vipan, were much admired, as well as one fed by the Messrs. Saberton. Mr. Stokes shew promises his customers a relish of superior fed beast. But the laurel for first rate feed must be awarded to Mrs. Myrton who is always determined not to be outdone for symmetry, beauty, weight and quality; her four beast grazed by an eminent Scotch Agriculturist were not approached.

Law

A few days since a fenman waited upon a member of the legal profession, and with a profound bow exclaimed "I want law". "What for?" enquired the lawyer. "Why," says he, "Last Thursday I bought a hare from a man upon the sly: we went to an inn to drink part of the money; I seed some femmen in a little while raffling in one corner of the room, and heard a stout 'un say, "I'll guarantee its all right." They soon said a tailor had won a hare; but no sooner won then lost; when I looked for mine, and by gum it was gone. I asked for mine and the tailor for his, but none could be found; search was made and an old skin stuffed with straw found. Now I want to know if I can't have law!" "Why" quoth the lawyer, who has a character for candour, "to begin with yourself, you are subject to a penalty of £10 for buying of an unlicensed dealer in game; he is also subject to a penalty; the gentlemen who were gaming are subject to fine and imprisonment; the innkeeper is subject to a fine for permitting it; and the party who stole the hare is subject to transportation. Now take my advice; go next Thursday; take a glass and quaff your pipe; join the party, and laugh as heartily as they have done when they next find another such a fool as yourself."

Ely Cattle and Corn Market Company

Last Thursday night the usual half-yearly meeting was held, William Layton, Esq., chairman.
The following report was read and adopted.
The accompanying statement of the capital and income of the Company will show the present financial position of the Company.
"In accordance with the wishes of the shareholders, the Directors have engaged the further sum of £200, on loan, in augmentation of the capital of the Company. The money will be shortly advanced, when the outstanding debts of the Company will be liquidated.

"The Directors consider that the present state of the income account will justify the declaration of a dividend of £4 per cent, for one year, to the 1st November last.
"At the present meeting Messrs. John Muriel, Hugh Robert Evans, (the younger) John Cross, and John Butcher, go out of office, as directors, by rotation, but are eligible for re-election.

Capital Account December 1847 to November 1848

Receipts	£	S	D

Donations	10	5	0

Disbursements	£	S	D
Corn Exchange	8	17	2
Cattle Market	13	1	2
	21	18	4
Receipts	10	5	0
Balance	11	13	4
Balance of last account	254	1	8
	265	15	0

Income Account December 1847 to November 1848

	£	S	D
Balance of last Account	64	1	4
Rents, Market Tolls, and Garden Produce	150	16	4
Rents of stands in Corn Exchange, and Stalls in Poultry market	95	15	3
Fairs, Tolls and Receipts	44	17	6
	355	10	5

Disbursements	£	S	D
Dividend December 1847	35	18	0
Rents	90	17	9
Rates	4	10	0
Labour	43	19	6
Salary Clerk of the Market	15	0	0
Tradesmens Bills	23	5	11
Miscellaneous Exs.	6	8	5
Balance	135	10	11
	355	10	5

After this the item respecting the cultivation of the garden, about which some unpleasant observations had been made was explained, by which it appeared the payment for labour etc., was about £32, and the produce realized £54, leaving a balance of £22, proving that gardening is a profitable calling, and that gardeners do not always like its profitableness to be known.
Mr Matthew Scott then expressed his conviction that the business of the Cattle Market might be considerably improved: but no wonder graziers felt a reluctance to send their stock to market, when it was openly declared that some of those who had sent their stock had never received their money. A man of judgement and integrity as a salesman would get a good living, and materially assist in improving the market. They had the means in their own hands to have a good market; let the graziers send their stock: and if content with fair prices they would always realize as good a price as at the London market, for the demand had always been equal to the supply; but prices set had often prohibited the sale. He concluded by moving that the attention of the Directors be called to the subject, and they be empowered to act therein as seemed best.
James Cropley, Esq., fully concurred in the observations made by Mr Scott, and seconded his recommendation.
Thomas Archer Esq., then called the attention of the Shareholders to the little use of the Poultry Market. Several shareholders complained that their families were considerably annoyed by poulterers and fruit boys continually calling at their houses, of whom they were compelled to buy, being the only source from which they could get supplied; whereupon Mr. Archer promised if they would encourage the market, he would undertake to get it supplied; so that no gentleman should want a chicken for his pot.
The outgoing Directors were then re-elected, and a vote of thanks given to the chairman.

Sittings in Banco, after term, before Lord Chief Justice Denman, and Justices Patteson and Coleridge.
Regina - v - The Inhabitants of the Isle of Ely.
This was an indictment against the inhabitants of the isle of Ely, for the non-repair of a bridge. The defendants two inhabitants of that district, had pleaded a special plea, in which they stated that the river over which the said bridge had been erected was within the Bedford Level, and was an artificial drain made by certain adventurers for the purpose of draining the fens; that the bridge had been erected by the said adventurers for their own private advantage, under the powers vested in them by certain commissions of sewers; and that the said adventurers originally, and now the corporation of the Bedford level, were bound to keep the said bridge in repair.
To this plea the prosecutors of the indictment demurred generally, and thereupon the defendants took several substantial objections to the indictment; the substantial question being whether the corporation of the Bedford Level or the district of the Isle of Ely was bound to repair.
Mr. Serjeant Andrews (with whom were Mr. Serjeant Byles and Mr. Wells) appeared in support of the demurrer. He said the indictment properly charged the liability upon the defendants, and that the plea did not show that any other parties were bound to repair the bridge. By the common law, and also by the statute of bridges (22 Hen. VIII) passed in affirmance of the common law, the liability to repair bridges was thrown on counties, divisions, and franchises.
The isle of Ely was not only a franchise, but it had been recognized by several statutes as a division of a county and therefore, prima facie, the inhabitants were liable to repair the bridge. The plea had failed to show that any other person was liable for the repair. They said that the bridge was erected by private individuals for their own private advantage, and therefore the defendants were not liable. The answer to that objection was, that if the bridge was of public utility, and used by the public, the county, or division, was bound to repair it.

Mr Maude (in the absence of Sir. F. Kelly) was heard in support of the plea, and contended that the duty to repair the bridge devolved on the corporation of the Bedford Level. The obligation to repair a bridge could not be thrown upon the public, unless they gained some advantage by its erection, but here the public had gained nothing. They had a road before, and the only difference now was that the road passed over a bridge.
Several other objections were taken on each side, the argument upon which occupied the whole day. Lord Denman said the Court would consider their decision.

December 23 1848

Death at Ely, on the 15th instant, aged 87 years Elizabeth Pomfrey, and on Sunday, Robert Dumford aged 93 years.

Ely – Mildness of the Season
On the 17th instant, a bird's-nest was found in a hedgerow, with two fresh laid eggs therein.

St Thomas's Day
Sums of 1s and 1s 6d were this day distributed by the Churchwardens to about four hundred families.

Supposed Suicide
On Saturday last, a labouring man, of intemperate habits, applied to Mr. Smith, the relieving officer, for relief, who have him an order for himself, (Mark Cross) his wife, and five children to go into the house. The woman it appears, had a great horror of going there, and declared, although she was within a few days of her confinement, that rather than go there she would drown herself. On Sunday afternoon about four o'clock, she left her home, and about six is stated to have been seen on Ely Bridge. Although search has been made since, no tidings of her can be obtained.

Soham Road

Some parties to prevent loss of life have caused the dangerous places on this road to be filled up with gravel. The road still continues in a very bad state of repair, and a meeting of the Trustees is called to take the matter into consideration.

Cholera
Several cases of diarrhoea of a violent character have occurred during the week in Potter's lane. One night last week, a boy who had been sleeping in the locality of Cambridge, where two or three persons have died of cholera, was brought down by Mr. Henry Steven's gang, and left in Babylon, Ely.

The medical officer was soon in attendance, and found it a decided case of cholera, but proper treatment has restored the boy.

December 30 1848

Ely – Sudden Death
On Christmas Day a gentleman named Clark, on his way from Liverpool to Yarmouth, was found lying on the gallery floor at the Ely Station, and at first was thought to be dead. He was immediately removed to the nearest inn, and Mr. Jones and Mr. Stevens, surgeons, were soon on the spot. He afterwards revived a little, and a letter was dispatched to his friends at Yarmouth, but before it was delivered life was gone. He was found about 1 or 2 o'clock, and died at 4. The sad intelligence was communicated to Yarmouth by telegraph. Mr Clark appeared a highly respectable gentleman, stout made, and said he was single. He had money etc., about his person, which was properly secured.

The following prisoners have been committed to the House of Correction at Ely, and will be tried at the next Sessions.

Edward Drishell, stealing stockings
William Richardson, stealing six shillings
James Sherwin, stealing wearing apparel.
Wm. Cornwell, stealing fowls
Isaac Pool (upon bail), stealing herrings
Charles Skinner, sheep stealing.

Agricultural Report
The present month was unseasonably mild and growing. A great breadth of land in the fens, which in October was so saturated, and in some instances covered with water, as to be thought impossible to be sown with wheat this autumn, has, since the rains subsided, been sown under favourable circumstances, and is now up and looking strong and healthy; in fact the latter sown wheats have appeared quicker and stronger than those first sown. The fen wheats are now looking generally fine; whilst those on the high lands, on the bean stubbles and clover leys, have been much injured with the slug; many of them present a very thin and sickly appearance. Frosty weather must be very favourable for them. Ploughing for beans and oats on the strong lands has been proceeded with satisfactorily; hard frosts are now required to pulverize and prepare them for the reception of the seed. The corn markets present a very gloomy and cheerless aspect. The yield of wheat in the fens and its present price contrast very badly together; still, there is one encouraging feature connected with this, viz; the wheats in this county were generally secured in good condition, and are of a fair average quality.
The price of meat is not at all satisfactory. Beef and mutton pay the graziers very badly, and in many instances make nothing beyond cost price.
Potatoes are selling very low just now; a continuance of present prices, or a further reduction, will cause great quantities to be consumed upon the farms, which will naturally tend to lower the price of pork. The cattle are all sheltered in their winter quarters. The price of cake, although much lower than last year, is yet too much high to produce beef at its present price. Cloverseed is getting

very scarce, which must cause sheep to go very thin to market from this county after a few weeks. Turnips are not grown to any great extent.

Ely Nuisances

To the Editor of the Cambridge Chronicle.

Sir,

About two months since we were apprised, through the column of your paper and other journals, by various persons, and in various manners, that my friend Tom Jones (a candid, worthy fellow, that Tom Jones, and will, I know, excuse my mentioning him so familiarly) had exerted himself to obtain the interference of the General Board of Health to remedy the dreadful defects of what little sewerage there is existing, the making of new and necessary sewers, and to obtain some systematic removal of all nuisances that abound in this important city to an enormous extent. Now I should have thought that this would have been spoken of as a most laudable proceeding, and that at least all the parish officers would have thanked him for his exertions: but it was no so. He accomplished his object, that of getting the proper number of signatures to the memorial; and no sooner had he done it, than one of the surveyors of the parish abased him in the papers; by using language towards him having no reference to the subject, which, in my opinion neither becomes a gentleman or a public officer. What did it all amount to? That Tom Jones was only a lodger, and therefore had not any business or right to endeavour to make this city as healthy and clean as is necessary to ensure freedom from disease and pestilence. Had the family of this said surveyor been taken suddenly ill, and Tom Jones been passing by and offered his timely assistance would this liberal-minded surveyor have said, "shut him out, he is only a lodger?"

Sir, I have no patience with such narrow attacks; they are unworthy a man or men who would profess anything like liberal minded sentiments; and it should be well recollected and noticed that this is not John Smith or William Brown that makes this attack, but it is the "Surveyor of the Highways," he presumes upon his office; he makes that the reason of his writing.

I should like to ask what can it signify who does it, if it is right to call attention to the disgraceful filthy state of this town? I will tell the surveyor as a Christian and a neighbour, that the lodger or the poorest servant in this city ought to have, and must have, as much interest and as much right to have this city clean and healthy as he himself, whose acres, to which he was perhaps born, are (by law) his qualifications to his office: and let him remember (when he taunts these persons about their limited means) the reply of a man who was taunted with his father having been a barber: "Ah!" He said, "perhaps had your father been a barber, you would have been one now!"

Well Sir, that was one act (and the result) to remedy the defects in our town drainage, and the removal of nuisances; but I still hope it will not prevent the exertions of well disposed persons from doing that which would benefit the town. I do not think the object of attack cares much about it; he is very silly if he does. The next step of poor Ely was a notice from the Board of Guardians, signed by the indefatigable clerk (by order). Poor fellow! Who can doubt his doing well his master's 'bidding'; report speaks too well and truly of the "hair breadth scrapes i' the imminent deadly breach" that he has had to suffer; only to hear him talk about nuisances, they tell me, is dreadful. But, Sir, I would ask how well our Guardians perform their duties as parishioners and neighbours? Do they not know that the roads from every part of the town to the Union-house itself, which they travel at least once a week, have been in such a filthy condition that they could never pass along without exclaiming. "What a nuisance this road is?" And yet what they have done to remedy it? Have they no voice in this matter? Will they say that "it is the surveyors' duty; look to them; we care nothing about it; we can ride, and if the mud is up to your knees in places, we suppose you can get out of it." Some parts of these roads have been scraped this last week the first time for many weeks before. But these Guardians are parishioners, and parishioners of influence, some residing in the town; and I think it would be a good example to set to persons who are desired to keep their yards clean that these gentlemen should exert themselves, both individually and collectively, to keep our streets a little cleaner. I cannot enter into an explanation of what I understand "Philo-Physics" to wish or require; and considering that "remittent fever" is meant to be written by him, instead of "remittent gin" (really written) and considering the "devil" upon minute inspection,

declares it was "remittent gin", it is most unlikely "Philo Physics" was suffering from the effects of the "gin" running into his head, rather than his head running into the gin. Hence arises the unaccountable collection of strange ideas contained in his letter, and commented upon by "Old Joe", who is a facetious fellow, and has some nous about him; but let me ask him to turn his thoughts to something more amusing than troubling himself about "Philo Physics".
Now Sir, in conclusion, let me ask you in serious earnestness whether this city is worth the trouble and expense of improved sewerage and improved conveniences to the poor? Let us ask ourselves whether there is not superabundance of wealth that might be applied for the benefit of all? In the very heart of this city stands one of the noblest buildings in this country, a monument of the Christian virtues of our forefathers, dedicated to the worship of God. Nearly surrounding it are the habitations of the clergy. These are not times for them to use the extra parochial shield; they of all persons ought to be the first to say, "We will bear tenfold our proper or expected burden." The winter is here; the poor habitations in this city are specimens of want and filth that is disgraceful and heartrending; the inhabitants of such dwellings cannot leave them, and live at ease in sunny climes, forgetful of the misery and wretchedness that surrounds their dwellings at home.
Let the memorialists again appeal to the General Board of Health to consider and advise upon this case with promptitude and energy; let no foolish, selfish motives deter the inhabitants from prosecuting the enquiry, and, above all, carrying out the remedy to its fullest extent; if that is done there is nothing to be feared from the attacks of officials but we shall all have the gratification of seeing Ely, as we ought, one of the most healthy, as one of the most beautiful cities in England, surrounded by a tract of country not surpassed by any district in England. For this end I have ventured to address you; my observations can give pain to no persons feelings, and it they awaken some of the great and learned from their apathy and carelessness, the result will be what was hoped for by
Squib.

January 6 1849
Death at Ely, on 28th ultimo, aged 3 months, Clara Ann, the infant daughter of Mr. C. M. Bidwell.

Ely – The Cathedral
The introduction of stained glass windows is rapidly going on in Ely Cathedral. Within the last few days the large north east window under the lantern "the especial glory of the Church" has been fitted, as far as funds raised by the undergraduates of Cambridge would allow. The principal figures represent King Edward, who was educated at Ely, and his Queen. The artist is Mr. Wales of Newcastle. It is to be regretted the fund was so small, but we are sure the men of Cambridge will not allow a good work to remain half done, and that a speedy completion will follow the intimation of want of means to finish this beautiful window.

In addition to the five stained windows provided by the munificence of the Rev. E. B. Sparke, we understand four others are in hand intended to be presented by the Dean of Ely, J. Coke, Esq., the Bishop's lessees, and the Dean and Chapter's Lessees.

Supposed Suicide
The woman Cross, who left her home on the 17th December last, and is supposed to have drowned herself under the dread of going into the Union, has not yet been discovered or heard of.

East Anglian Railway
The Directors of this Company have created some surprise by announcing that the dividend due on the six per cent preference shares of the Company, on 31st instant, will not be paid at that time. The amount of the preference shares of which the default takes place is only £119,917, but in addition thereto the preference shares of seven per cent, which take rank after the above which amount to £151,600. Of course after this notification the original shareholders to the amount of £764,400

must have a very distant hope of receiving a dividend. The inference drawn is that the working expenses are little more than supported by the traffic. When the world was railway mad, an old correspondent of this journal, ventured on opinion, which time has proved correct, that this undertaking would not be used for the conveyance of heavy goods, it running parallel with the river; but that if the Commissioners reduced their scale of tolls, but that very little would be abstracted from the river-coals, which pay a low toll on the stream, are seldom sent by rail: the higher tolled goods being taken off the river, the reduction of the toll might be reasonably expected to bring them back. Two years back the Eastern Counties offered to lease this line in perpetuity, at six per cent, but Parliament threw out the bill, principally on the opposition of Mr. Henry Porter of Haddenham, supported by a large body of landowners who conceived the East Anglian Company had broken faith with the public in not carrying out the Ely and Huntingdon line. After this defect the Directors assured their shareholders it was not to be regarded as a cause of regret, and their confidence in their undertaking was undiminished.

The price of an original £25 share is now little above £3 and the £3 10s preference shares may be bought at a considerable discount.

Isle of Ely Sessions, January 3rd
Before the Rev. W. G. Townley, and a full bench of magistrates.
The Chairman in his charge to the Grand Jury said
When he held in his hand the unfortunate calendar, containing no less than thirty-seven cases, it would not do for him to lose much of their valuable time by making many remarks upon it. But he thought it right to say that this, amongst other things added very much to the necessity for a central assize. When these cases came before them they would find that they were of that aggravated nature which threw a great onus upon gentlemen who had not been professionally educated to deal with them, but who did the best they could. There was only one case which particularly struck him as deserving any remark; it was a case of poisoning four horses, and was of such an aggravated nature, and of such atrocity as regarded animal life, that if the prisoner should be found guilty, would require the severest sentence the court could inflict.

With regard to a central assize, it was the intention of his neighbour, Mr. Fardell, to bring the question forward at the adjourned sessions, and although he (Mr Townley) had the honour of proposing it unsuccessfully ten years ago, he was very glad it had fallen into such good hands now. Perhaps the feeling of the present times, and an understanding on the part of Ely that there would be no opposition, might lead to better results. Having originated it formerly, he would be glad to forward it in any way he could, and if it should be their pleasure to express any opinion upon the question as a Grand Jury, it would strengthen the hands of the promoter. On a former occasion he (the Chairman) had made some remarks on the sanitary state of the neighbourhood. Since that time an Act which had proved of great service to the country, had passed the legislature. He spoke feelingly upon the subject, because there had been unfortunately, in one part of his parish, severe suffering, which was attributable to the absence of those sanitary precautions which were so necessary. The mortality had now ceased, but he recommended the Grand Jury, and the country at large to go on vigorously with their sanitary proceedings, and it would not be their fault if the cholera spread to a greater extent. One thing they had learned, that the cholera was not contagious, and medical men had arrived at the same conclusion with regard to the treatment of it. If it were added to the catalogue of diseases common to this country, it would be a great comfort to know that it was better understood, and humanly speaking, more manageable than formerly.

The Rev. H. Fardell then gave notice of his intention to bring forward the question of the Central Assize at the adjourned Sessions, at March, on Tuesday 12th February.

Prisoners (committed for trial from Ely House of Correction)

William Richardson, charged with stealing six shillings, property of Wm. Dunham, Witchford, seven years transportation.

Edward Driskell, charged with stealing a pair of stockings. Fourteen days' hard labour at Ely.

Wm. Cornwell, charged with stealing six fowls, the property of Mr. Thos. Butcher Flanders, of Littleport. 3 months' hard labour at Ely, the last week in solitary confinement.

Charles Skinner, charged with stealing four sheep, the property of Mr. James Earl, Littleport. Transported for seven years.

James Sherwin, charged with stealing wearing apparel, the property of his father. One month at Ely.

Thursday January 4th

Henry Playfer, charged with poisoning two mares and two geldings, the property of Mr. Joseph Stockdale, of Elm. 15 years Transportation.

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Burnt Fen First District

Payment of Taxes.

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners for draining the First District of Burnt Fen Lands, did, at a half-yearly meeting, holden at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 30th March 1848, assess, rate, tax, and charge all and singular the fen lands and low grounds within the said District, with a tax of Nine Pence per Acre, and a gradual Acre Tax not exceeding One shilling and sixpence per Acre, and a further gradual Acre Tax not exceeding Three shillings per Acre, on each and every Acre, of the said fen lands and low grounds, and so in proportion for nay less quantity than an Acre and that the said several taxes have been ordered by the said Commissioners to be paid to us as their Receivers, at our office in Ely, within the month of February next.

And Notice is hereby also given, that any person liable to the payment of the Rates and Taxes and omitting to pay the same to us for Twenty days from 28th February, will forfeit and be required to pay to the said commissioners, by way of penalty for every such omission, the sum of Three Shillings and Four pence for every Twenty Shillings of the said Rates and Taxes which shall be so in arrear and unpaid, and so on in proportion for any less sum than twenty shillings.

Dated this fourth day of January, 1849

T. & G. Archer

Clerks and Receivers to the said Commissioners

South Level River Act

Payment of Taxes

Notice is hereby given, that the Drainage and Navigation Commissioners, acting under an Act of Parliament passed in the eighth-year of the reign of his late Majesty, for improving the drainage of part of the South Level of the Fens, and the navigation of the rivers passing through the same, did, at a meeting held pursuant to the said Act, at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Friday 7th April, 1848, assess, tax, and charge the several fen lands and low grounds within certain fens, called "Padnal and Waterden Fens" and other lands in the said act mentioned, situate at Ely and Littleport in the isle of Ely, with a tax at the rate of Five Shillings per Acre; and they did also assess, tax and charge such of the several wash lands, fen lands and low grounds, and other lands subject to inundation lying within the said South Level of the Fens and bounded and described in the said Act as are not within and drained and preserved under the several Acts of Parliament for the several districts or levels within the said South Level, and also the several wash lands, fen lands, and low grounds subject to inundation from floods, by breach of bank, or otherwise, situate within the several parishes, hamlets, townships, or places mentioned in the said act (except certain lands and grounds therein specified), with a tax at the rate of Sixpence per Acre; and that the taxes will become payable, under the said Act, on the first day of January next and are directed by the said Commissioners to be paid to their Collector, Mr. William Marshall, at his office in Ely.

And notice is hereby also given, that every owner and occupier liable to the payment of the said taxes, and neglecting or failing to pay the same to the said Collector within twenty-eight days after the first day of January, will forfeit, and be required to pay to the said Commissioners by way of

penalty, for every such omission, the sum of Three Shillings and Four-pence for every Twenty Shillings due for such rates and taxes, and so on in, proportion for any less sum
Dated the sixth day of December 1848
T. & G. Archer
Clerks to the Commissioners
January 13 1849
Death at Ely on the 11th instant, aged 81 years, Mr. Josh Bacon.

Ely
The Cathedral
In the paragraph under this head in our last number less than justice was done to the spirit and religious feeling of individuals and of bodies of men. We stated that the "Undergraduates Window" had been partially fitted, and that four others, to be presented by the Dean, J. Coke, Esq., the Bishop Lessees and the Dean and Chapter Lessees were in hand. A correspondent has enabled us now to add, that Mr. Warrington, the artist, has most handsomely signified his intention of giving glass for the third window in the south aisle of the nave. The Rev. Chancellor Sparke has also promised a window. The incumbents of livings in the diocese and patronage of the Bishop of Ely are raising a subscription for a window, and the incumbents of livings in the patronage, but not in the diocese of the Bishop of Ely, have adopted another. The glass for these two windows in the south transept is now being prepared by Mons. Gereute, who sent the glass for the Bishop's Lessees' window, and the Jacob's window, so that the four Norman windows in the south transept will be his work. The funds are not yet sufficient to pay for the glass; but it is hoped that those incumbents who have not yet subscribed will come forward and compete the work. There are also subscriptions for an Ordination window, and a visitor's window, and reports about others. There remains now only two large lantern windows to be filled, which might easily be completed by the members of the University of Cambridge; for instance, a small subscription of a guinea or even less than that from Masters of Arts would raise sufficient funds, if some energetic gentlemen would form a committee,, and set the thing going. The fourth, suggests our correspondent, might be filled by noblemen and doctors. Our correspondent says, "it is really difficult to conceive the grandeur of Ely Cathedral, with its Transepts filled with painted glass, as well as the east window, and the four great lantern windows, so that the eye might not be offended by the glare of light streaming through dirty white glass."

In conclusion we will add that the glass for the Bishop's Lessee's window is now in the north triforium, and will be fixed as soon as the repairs are completed; the incidents are from the history of Moses. The groups for the incumbents windows are selected from the histories of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Robbery
On Saturday night last, ten ducks and a turkey were stolen from the farmstead of Mr David Ellingham. Information was the next day given to the police, who quickly captured William Feast a thatcher, and his two sons, on searching whose premises some ducks were found without heads, feathers, and feet; but on cutting one of the heads off, the skin of one side of the neck was cut with it, which on comparison enabled the parties to identify the same; added to which the shoes were found to correspond with the footsteps of the thieves. Feast is an old offender, having three times before been charged with felony. The three were on Thursday committed for trial at the next Ely Sessions.

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For Purity Flavour and Strength try

Dawson's Four Shilling Teas. Black, Green or mixed
Also his shilling Coffee.

The Misses Legge
Beg to offer their grateful acknowledgement for the liberal encouragement they have received, and, at the same time respectfully inform their friends and the pubic in general that the duties of the School will re-commence on Tuesday, January 23rd 1849.
Ely January 12th

Miss Lowry
Begs to inform the public that her school will reopen on Tuesday, the 30th instant.
Ely, January 12th, 1849

January 20 1849

Marriage – On the 16th instant, at Gt. St. Andrews Church, Cambridge, (by the Rev. J. D. Ridout) Mr. John Dawson, of Forehill, Ely, to Martha daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Rooke, of New Square, Cambridge.

The Union
Notwithstanding the great want of employment in this neighbourhood, and amidst the many privations which our labouring population are now suffering, it is gratifying to find that the number of paupers in the Union at this time is considerably less than that of the corresponding week last year.

We do not infer from this that the labourers are better off, for it is certain that for some years we have not had so many seeking employment, and, we may add, men honest and willing to work. It is hoped that many have learned to be frugal when they earn good wages; for if they had not been provident and laid by for a rainy day, the great number out of employ could not exist. The low price of corn has caused many farmers to defer improving their lands by claying etc. If we closed our observations without bearing testimony to the good conduct, patient suffering, honest practices, and very improved feeling of our poorer neighbours, we should do them an injustice; and we can with some degree of triumph refer to the calendar of the prisoners tried at the last sessions, and point out how small a proportion of the offenders were from this side of the isle, and which, from out knowledge, did not belong to that class who obtain their bread by the "sweat of their brow".

The Crops
The wheat plant throughout the fens looks remarkably well: if any difference exists, the later sown has the advantage.

Turnpike – Tolls to be Let
Notice is hereby given that the Tolls arising at the Toll-gates upon the Turnpike Road leading from Cambridge to Ely, and from thence to Soham etc., called or known by the names of Ely and Stretham Town, Sutton, and Witcham, and Soham Turnpike-Gates, together with the several Toll-Houses near the said Gates respectively, will be Let by Auction, for One, Two, or Three years as may be agreed upon by the Trustees present at the Meeting for the purpose of such Letting, from the 11th March next, to the best bidder or bidders respectively, at the house of Mr. Hugh Boughen, called or known by the name of the Lamb Inn, in Ely, aforesaid, on Tuesday 13th February next, at the hour of Twelve noon, in the manner directed by the Act passed in the third year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth "For regulating Turnpike Roads," which Tolls produced the last year as follows;
Ely and Stretham Town, Sutton and Witcham Gates, the sum of £802, and Soham Gate the sum of £246 above the expenses of collecting them; and will be put up at the said several sums per annum.

Whoever happens to be the best bidder or bidders respectively, must at the same time deposit in the hands of the Chairman of the said Meeting the sum of Fifty Pounds, to be forfeited to the Trustees on non-performance of the Conditions of Letting, by which Conditions, among other stipulations, the Hirer or Hirers will be required to pay Two months in advance of the Rent at which such Tolls may be let and give security at his or their own expense, with sufficient Sureties, to the satisfaction of the Trustees of the said Turnpike Road, within ten days from the day of Letting, for payment of the rest of the said Rent by prospective monthly instalments.
Dated this 18th day of January, 1849
H. R. Evans & Son
Clerks to the Trustees of the said Turnpike Road.

January 27 1849

Death at Ely, on the 20th instant in her 75th year Mary, widow of Mr. James Ling, many years lay clerk of the Cathedral and mother of Mr. Ling of the choirs, Cambridge.

Promotion

Mr George Pearce Serecold, master in H. M. S. Hastings, Flag Ship in China, a grandson of the late Dean of Ely, has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in the Royal Navy.

The Cathedral

We request attention to a letter upon the subject of the restorations in the Cathedral, signed South Saxon.

Suicide

The woman Cross, who was reported in our journal some weeks since to have been lost, was on Sunday last found floating in the river, next Minty Fen, about a mile below Ely, and on the following day an inquest was held before Mr. Marshall, when it appeared by the testimony of Mark Cross, her husband that a few days before his wife left her home, which was exactly five weeks before her body was discovered, he talked to her about going into the Union, when she said "she never would go in there; she would make herself dead first." On Sunday, the 17th ultimo, after partaking of bread and meat for dinner, she persuaded her husband to walk out, and sent the children to go to church, kissing the daughter, (as she said) and telling her to be a good girl; and on his return he missed her, and it struck him she had made away with herself, and he searched all night for her. She was seen by Serjeant Cuttriss in Broad Street, about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Cross is a very unsteady man, and at times has ill used his deceased wife. Verdict. "Felo de se." The remains were ordered to be interred at 7 o'clock in the evening of course without the solemnity of our church service.

Nuisances

We are glad to find the authorities are taking active measures against the nuisances which still remain in the Ely Union. At the Ely petty sessions held last Thursday, before Revs. H. Fardell and G. Millers and Wm. Layton Esq.,

Thomas Fryer, sen, of Littleport, was convicted in the full penalty of £5 and costs for suffering an open privy to remain a nuisance to the neighbourhood, after due notice to remove the same.

John Gotobed and Aungier Gotobed, both of Ely, were also severally convicted for not removing a heap of manure of a foul and offensive character.

And Wm. Cave Cranwell, of Ely, gardener, was allowed (on payment of expenses) until Saturday next to remove a large heap of manure which had been reported by the medical officer of the district, and greatly complained of by the neighbours as being most dangerous and offensive.

We trust this announcement will be taken as a warning to those who still wilfully disregard the notices they have received, and induce them promptly to bester themselves to avoid being dealt with in like manner. A correspondent adds "Much good has been effected under the Nuisance Removal Act in Ely, but a good deal still remains undone." Several parties have paid no regard to the notice of the officer, whilst others have aggravated their nuisances, but we anticipate the vengeance of the law will put matters to right, and a few convictions in the full penalty will coerce the refractory ones into obedience. It appears not very pleasant of people to obey at the first intimation; but the accumulation of ages cannot be expected to be removed in a day. The good work has been begun, and requires to be carried on with zeal and without favour.

Ely Cathedral
To the Editor of the Cambridge Chronicle – January 24, 1849
Sir
I am extremely glad to learn from your paper of the 13th instant, that the work of restoration progresses so satisfactorily at Ely. Few of our Cathedrals require painted so much, and few are so well calculated to shew it off to advantage. It is pleasing, therefore, to see Ely made the depository of the best specimens, both native and foreign, of an art which bids fair soon to rival its ancient excellence.

I feel it however, rather a reflection upon "my order" that the Undergraduates have been allowed to take the lead of the M. A's in lending their aid to the good work. And I really hope that we shall not be slow to follow an example, which it would have become us better to have set. I am quite sure the thing only requires a beginning, but it must be taken up at Cambridge, either by a certain number of Masters forming themselves into a committee for the express purpose, or by one of the Architectural Societies. And my own idea it that the largest sum of money would be raised in the shortest time by fixing the subscription at ten shillings.

I will also mention since I am upon the subject, that although I am no admirer of what are called Heraldic Windows they might find room in Ely for a very interesting Fuller tells us that William the Conqueror, having obtained possession of the Isle, quartered Forty Knights upon as many principal Monks, for fear of again losing a place of much strength during his own absence in the north, thus Knights and Monks became so much attached to each other, that we have a touching account of the parting scene, and the Monks, we read, took order that the Arms of each soldier should be lively depainted on the wall of the Common Hall, to the perpetual memory of their soldier like quests. Fuller gives a drawing of these 40 shields, with their property blazonings, and when we see such names attached to them as Warren, Talbot, Hastings, Beaumont, etc., we cannot doubt that the money necessary for a window containing them all would be raised without much trouble.
I am, Mr. Editor, yours etc.,
South Saxon.

Eau Brink Drainage
The Half-yearly meeting of the members of the above mentioned Commission was holden yesterday (Friday) at the Lamb Inn, Ely.

Dealing mainly with the Norfolk Estuary and appointment of Superintendent, Rates in West Lynn, and Maps.
Full account on page 3. Cols 2 & 3
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Isle of Ely Adjourned Sessions
Notice is hereby given that the General Quarter of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden by adjournment at the Guildhall in March, in the said Isle on Tuesday 13th February instant, at half past Twelve o'clock, in the afternoon, when the business relating to the assessment, application, or management of the Isle Stock or Rates will be done and transacted in open Court.

Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace.

The Cathedral
The Rev. J. H. Henderson, M. A. Precentor of Ely, has addressed the following observations to the editor of the Times, upon the subject of the Dean of Bristols' letter, which appeared in our last number. "As a member of the Cathedral first alluded to by the Dean of Bristol in his letter. I feel it only due to ourselves, as well as to others, to state that he is misinformed as to the practice prevailing here, and that, so far as we are concerned, if quoted at all, we ought to have been quoted as a very fair example on the other side of the question; for our Dean, instead of discontinuing, has gradually restored the "intoning" of the prayers, and if from no other reason, at least on principles of very sound philosophy. For when the prayers are read, and the responses chanted, it is necessary to have the organ continually playing (as for instance, throughout the Litany), to determine the key for the choir and congregation to respond in, otherwise there will be great hesitation, and not infrequent discord; and even after all the effect will be far from agreeable, for while the voices of the readers will vary one from another, as well as in themselves, the key note sounded by the organ must remain the same, at least it will be impossible to modulate it accordingly. But when the prayers are "intoned" whatever key the chanter may adopt, and even should he not retain it, his voice will be an easy guide to those making the responses after him. Painful experience has, I have no doubt, already proved the truth of these remarks at Bristol, as it has done elsewhere. That which is incongruous can never be really solemn or assist devotion, and it would seem almost as natural to conduct the united worship of priest and people in two languages, as in the mode now adopted at Bristol, although it is true it does prevail in two or three of our many Cathedrals and collegiate Churches.

At Ely, I am happy to say that the return to the ancient use was gladly sanctioned by a united chapter, as circumstances admitted of it, and that our last elected canon, Dr. Mill, Regins Professor of Hebrew at Cambridge, instead of reading the service after his appointment, "intoned" it.

February 10 1849

Ely, February 5th 1849
To the Honorable
The Governors, Bailiffs and Conservators,
And the members of the Commonalty of the
Bedford Level Corporation
Having a Voice in Election.
My Lords and Gentlemen
The Registership of the Corporation having become vacant, by the lamented death of Mr. Wells, I beg leave respectfully to offer myself to your notice as a Candidate for the Office.

If I am honoured with the appointment, my anxious desire will be to discharge the duties of the office with zeal and fidelity, and I shall endeavour to uphold, at all times, the general interests of the Corporation.
I have the honour to be
My Lords and Gentlemen
Your very obedient Servant
Thomas Archer

Death at Ely, on Monday last, aged 72 years Samuel Wells. Registrar of the Bedford Level.

Ely Vestry Meeting
A vestry meeting of the rate-payers of Ely Trinity was held on Friday, 2nd instant, John Muriel, Esq., in the chair, for the purpose of taking into consideration the damage done to the public quay, waterside, Ely, by the South Level Commissioners scouring, cleansing, and deepening the river; and also whether any defence should be made to an indictment preferred against the inhabitants for the

non repair of an alleged highway in Burnt Fen, Ely. The Surveyors stated that the front wall of the quay, next the premises of Messrs. Hall, had given way, and was in a dangerous state, in consequence of the deepening of the river by the Commissioners; that the Commissioners had given remuneration to the Messrs. Hall for the damage done to their granaries, and that the parishioners had a good right to claim compensation for the damage done to the quay, which Mr. Harding had agreed to repair for £45, being considerably less than any other party could do it for, by reason of his having his implements and materials now on the spot. Mr. Wm. Saberton, a Commissioner, thought they might ask; but as the quay was a great public convenience, the Commissioners would consider the public the best party to repair it. Mr Bacon said the public paid pretty dearly for their convenience in the shape of Tolls for coals and other goods conveyed up the river, and the inhabitants ought not to be called upon to pay twice, once as consumers of coals, and again as ratepayers. It had been stated that the quay was the private property of the Messrs. Hall, and until the vestry were assured that such was not the fact he was averse to the expenditure of public money upon private property. It also ought to be considered whether they ought not to call upon the Commissioners first, for they might think proper to restore the quay themselves. Mr Muriel thought it was only fair they should have that opportunity. Mr Harlock, jun., stated that there was no question but that the quay belonged to the parish; that it immediately repair, and unless Mr. Harding's offer was immediately accepted, it could not be done for the money. Mr Marshall said it should be distinctly understood that Messrs. Hall had no claim to the quay. It was then unanimously resolved that the offer of Mr. Harding be accepted; that application be made to the Commissioners by the surveyors for compensation; and, in case of refusal that they proceed for recovery of the same. Mr Moseley then stated that an indictment had been preferred at the last March assizes, and a true bill found against the inhabitants for the non repair of the furlong of the bank from Miles-End Drove to Nowhere, and that it was necessary for the Vestry to empower the Surveyors to defend the same. Mr Bacon suggested two considerations, first, whether they were liable to the repair of the road, and had a good defence to make, without which it would be folly to involve themselves in an expensive law-suit. Their attorney had taken some pains in the case, and without stating the grounds of the defence, might say whether the parish had a good defence; if not, they ought to consider whether they might endeavour to compromise the matter with the promoters by diverting the disputed road, and finishing the road up to Miles-end Drove, which would be the nearest on to the Mildenhall turnpike, be of far greater service to the public, and made at considerably less expense. Mr Marshall considered they had a good defence, and stated some strong circumstances to prove that the road in dispute was not a highway, and that there was much danger in offering a compromise. The repair of these roads was a matter of great importance, as, if it was decided against the parish, it would saddle them with the enormous expense of making all the fen roads in the parish, which would in all probability increase the highway rates upwards of £500 per annum. It was then unanimously resolved to defend the same.

Mechanics Institute

We rejoice that this society has opened a reading-room, and that music and other classes are about to be formed, a valuable boon to the youth of this city, being the only public place open for their resort for useful and general purposes.

On Tuesday and Friday evenings the room will be open for reading and conversational purposes from 7 to 10 and every Wednesday for classes.

Establishment of a Museum

Our indefatigable townsman T. S. Jones Esq., who strives hard to benefit and enlighten the citizens of Ely, a short time since issued the following circular, which was sent to a large number of the principal inhabitants, most likely to lend assistance to so good a cause.

"Sir, you are requested to attend a public meeting at the National School room, on Monday next, at 8 o'clock, to establish a Museum at Ely".

Yours obediently, Thomas Stead Jones

Ely, 29th January 1849

In compliance with the above about fifty gentlemen attended, when Mr. Jones offered an apology for calling them together, but the success attending the establishment of the Mechanics' Institute had emboldened him to take the step. He was glad so many had responded to his call; between thirty and forty pounds had already been expended in fitting up a suitable room, and it already contained a number of beautiful and valuable specimens. H. R. Evans, Esq., was called to the chair; after which Mr. Marshall, in an able speech advocated the establishment of a Museum in connection with the library of the Mechanics' Institute, which contained 1,500 volumes of valuable books. Eight years ago they were in the dark, without light, but not blind; the establishment of the Institute had created a large and splendid chandelier, with a vast number (1,500) of lights, for he regarded every book as a light, amongst which would be found some upon entomology, geology, architecture, botany, indeed on all the sciences. They now sought to expand themselves, and endeavour to collect specimens, which abounded in the earth, more particularly in their own locality. Many rare specimens had been filched and taken from the town, which if preserved therein would have contributed to make theirs a splendid collection, which he hoped one day to see it.

The feeling being general, it was agreed to establish a Museum. The Lord Bishop was elected President, and the very Rev. the Dean, Vice-President, if they would accept the offices; and the following gentlemen were appointed a committee to carry out the objects. Messrs. Evans, Jones, Marshall, Bidwell, Jones, M. Scott, Bacon, Bard, Trigg, Morris, and the Rev. R. Squibb.

Downham, near Ely
George Legge begs to announce that he is instructed by the proprietor, Mr. Daniel Jones, to sell by Public Auction, some time in February or early March
Two Hundred and Thirty Acres of Valuable
Highland, Pasture, Arable, Fen and Wash Lands, in Lots.
Particulars will appear in future papers.

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Ely Appointment
Mr. George Gray, formerly of Ely and Armagh Cathedrals, and now Lay Vicar of Westminster Abbey, has been appointed, by the Bishop of London, one of Her Majesty's gentlemen of the Chapel Royal. Both offices are for life.

Isle of Ely Adjourned Sessions
Held at March, on Tuesday last, Rev. Henry Fardell, Chairman, the Revs. Algernon Peyton, W. Strong, W. Howarth, and G. Whiteford, with Dr. Fardell; Col Hardy; S. Layton, J. Jackson, and R. Lewin Esqrs. Mr Goddard Jackson officiated for the Clerk of the Peace, who was unavoidably absent.

Central Assize
The Rev. Mr. Fardell introduced this subject having taken the chair on condition that the indulgence of the meeting should be extended to him in this matter. He said that the first notice upon the paper was one placed on by himself at the last Quarter Session for the Isle. The notice was as follows:- Resolved. That it is expedient to apply to the Crown for the establishment of a Central Assize at Wisbech, for the Town and Borough of Wisbech and the North Hundred of Witchford, the Hundred of Freebridge Marshland, and so much of the Hundred of Clackclose as lies within seven miles north, and the whole which lies south of the River Ouse, in Norfolk, and so much of the parts of South Holland, in Lincolnshire, as lies east of the River Welland. The subject of a Central Assize was mooted ten years ago and discussed at Wisbech, the scheme was abandoned at the time in consequence of the threatened opposition. It is further discussed at length on page 3 col. 3

The Court then dealt with the resignation of the Treasurer Mr Evans was persuaded to withdraw this on the understanding that his son should be allowed to officiate in his behalf.

The Committee for the Lunatic Asylum were re-elected but Mr Layton observed that the re-appointment should be suspended to prevent further outlay under the present depression, as it was in contemplation to increase the expenses of the Isle by the adoption of a central assize. It was explained however that the re-appointment of the Committee was imperative.

Reports

The Visiting Justices presented their usual report. It represented that additional clothing for the prisoners was required, and also stated that in their opinion the officers were not sufficiently armed to be enabled promptly to defend themselves, and suppress any outbreak that might take place among the rapidly increasing number of prisoners. The report also recommended a gratuity to Mr. Burrows in addition to his salary, in consequence of the increase in his duties and his meritorious fulfilment of them. The report was adopted, clothing for the prisoners and weapons for officers was ordered to be provided, and it was stated that £15 had already been voted to Mr. Burrows in pursuance of it.

New Court House at Wisbech

The Visiting Justices having expressed their opinion that the dangerous state of the Court House at Wisbech should be presented to the Grand Jury at the Cambridge Assizes, and also that a new building should be recommended if the expense thereof should not exceed the sum to be derived from the sale of the materials of the old one, a discussion upon the point endued. It was state that the value of the materials of the Old Court House was estimated at from £1,000 to £1,800 and that this sum would be sufficient to build a new one in proximity to the gaol.

Mr Fryer said he thought they should wait until the question of the Central Assize was settled.

Mr. J .Jackson said that the building was in a very dangerous state and it was ordered to be presented. Mr Jackson said, however, that he had great doubt whether they had power to change the site.

The Police

The Chairman said he had an application before him from Superintendent Foster of the Wisbech division, asking the Magistrates to sign some testimonials in his favour, as he was about to become a candidate for the vacancy caused in the chief constableship of Northamptonshire, rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. Goddard.

Mr Howard said that he had to make the same application on behalf of Capt. Hampton, the chief Constable, who was a competitor for the same situation.

A discussion as to the course to be pursued, in the course of which the highest eulogiums were passed upon the ability and zeal of both officers, the matter however was set at rest by Mr Peyton who said that Capt. Foster was in the field some time before Capt. Hampton. He had himself promised Capt. Foster, and had canvassed such of the magistrates of Northamptonshire as he was acquainted with in his behalf.

This decided the matter, and the testimonials of Capt. Foster were signed accordingly.

The Chief Constable presented a report upon the number of offences reported to the police during the present quarter, and their relation to the corresponding quarter of last year. He also reported that the lockups at Wimblington, Chatteris, and Outwell, were in a defective state and required repair. He had procured estimates which he submitted to the Court. Referred to the District magistrates with power to order the work.

Bridges

Ponders Bridge was presented by the parish surveyors as requiring repair. It appeared that the bridge was presented in 1844 and repaired by the county in an underhand way “so that no one knew who did it”. The County demur the liability and it appearing that the bridge is to be taken down in order to widen the drain, it was ordered that the absolute necessary repairs should be done, but without prejudice. The question of liability to be left open until the removal under the Middle Level Act.

Prosecutions

Accounts for criminal prosecutions were presented, and it appearing that they had passed the magistrates at Ely, they were ordered to be paid. Mr. Fryer suggested and the magistrates coincided that it would be better for the future to appoint an audit committee. This arrangement will be carried out.

Haddenham Police

An application was made from the parish of Haddenham for an extra policeman, and some statistics were put in to shew the necessity for the appointment. These were considered satisfactory and the appointment was granted.

Instructions in the Gaol

A note from the chaplain of the gaol was read, calling attention to the report by an inspector of prisons adducing the necessity of a schoolmaster in the gaol. The Chaplain said the turnkeys were equal to the office and would undertake it under his superintendence in consideration of a small addition to their salaries to be determined in amount hereafter. The Chaplain was empowered to carry out the arrangement at his discretion.

The Court adjourned.

Notice is hereby given that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will beholden by further adjournment at the Guildhall, in March, on Tuesday 27th February instant at Half-past Twelve o'clock to settle the matter of a Central Assize at Wisbech.

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Agricultural Meeting at Ely

A Meeting of the Owners and Occupiers of Land, in the Hundreds of Ely and Witchford, and in the South Level of the Fens, will be holden at the Shire Hall, in Ely, on Thursday the 8th march next, at Twelve o'clock to take into consideration the existing pressure upon the landed interest, through the depreciated value of Agricultural produce, and to adopt such measures in relation thereto as may be thought most advisable.

Ely February 22nd 1849

Death at Ely, yesterday week, aged 77 years Mr. Robt. Palmer, many years a respectable tradesman of that city.

Also on Tuesday last, aged 65 years Mr. Wm. Anslow, grocer.

Statistical Fact

Of the 626 rate-payers in Ely thirty one years since, only 94 are living.

Ely – Meeting of Agriculturists

It will be seen by an advertisement in another column that a meeting has been called to be holden at Ely, on Thursday 8th March, "to take into consideration the existing pressure on the landed interest through the depreciated value of Agricultural produce and to adopt such measures in relation thereto as may be thought most advisable." The day appointed for the meeting is that upon which Mr. Disraeli will introduce the subject to the notice of the House of Commons, and lay before it a digested plan for the relief of agriculture. Possibly this may induce the managers of the proposed meeting to postpone it for a week. It seems to us advisable to wait for the result of Mr. Disraeli's motion; after which a more effective movement may be made.

Sudden Death

On Monday morning last, Mrs. Sarah Watts, an old inhabitant, 67 years of age, was found dead in her bed. On the previous day she attended a place of worship three times, and was in her usual health and spirits on retiring to rest. This forcibly illustrates the scripture truth "that in the midst of life we are in death."

Concealment of Birth
On Saturday last an inquest was held at the Club Inn, Ely, before Mr. Marshall, coroner, on the body of a male child, discovered in a cupboard in one of the bedrooms of Mr. John Robinson a brazier and ironmonger, Fore Hill.
Account of this on page 3 col. 2.
The Coroner in his summing up cited several cases to shew the difficulty of coming to any other verdict than that which the jury returned, which was "that Naomi Robinson was delivered of a male child, but whether it was born alive there was no evidence to shew". On Thursday, the girl was too ill to be brought before the magistrates, her father was requested to attend, and then entered into recognizances of £100 for her appearance as soon as she should be well enough.

Valuable Land
Ely, Stuntney and Welney
To Be Sold by Auction
By George Legge
On Thursday March 8th 1849 at the Bell Inn, Ely, at 6 o'clock in the evening, by order of the Executors and Trustees for sale under the Will of the late Mr. Matthew Ayres, deceased, (subject to such conditions of sale as shall be declared at the Auction) and in the following or such other lots as may then be determined by the Vendors.
The following Valuable Fen and Wash Land in Welney
Lot 1. 16A 1R of Freehold Adventurer's Land, in the Hundred Foot Washes, J. Hibbert, Esq., north, Hundred Foot River east, Mr Ekins west, and James Ayres south.
Lot 2. 12A 3R of Freehold Adventurers Land, in the Hundred Foot Washes, last lot north, Hundred Foot River east, James Ayres, south and west.
In Stuntney
Lot 3. Seven Acres (more of less) in the hamlet of Stuntney, called the Dairy Ground, formerly Jugg's, now in occupation of Mr. Beeton.
Copyhold of the Manor of Stuntney
Lot 4. Six Acres (more or less) of Skirt Land in Stuntney, at the bottom of the field lying west, next rolls Lode, now in the occupation of Mr. Beeton.
Copyhold of the Manor of Stuntney
In Ely
Lot 5. Twelve Acres (more or less) of most productive and valuable land, adjoining Stuntney Causeway north, and Thomas Evans east, now in occupation of Mr. Beeton.
Copyhold of Ely Porta. Quit rent 6s 8d.
Lot 6. Twelve Acres (more or less) of like Valuable Land adjoining the last lot west, Stuntney Causeway north, and Thos. Evans east, now in occupation of Mr. Beeton.

N.B. This Lot is Freehold and has a good Farm-house and outbuildings standing thereon.
All the Fen Lands will be sold subject to the usual Drainage Taxes.

Further particulars on application to Mr. Wm. Cooper, baker, Ely, one of the Trustees, to the auctioneer; or to Mr. Marshall, Solicitor, Ely.
March 3 1849
Death on the 21st ultimo, at Walton-on-Thames, aged 51 years Robert Martin, Esq., formerly of Southery, and late of Ely in which places he was much esteemed by a large circle of friends.

Ely- The Central Assize Question
On Thursday 22nd ultimo at a meeting of some of the influential inhabitants of Ely and the neighbourhood, this question was mooted.

My Layton, who was present, and who it was known had attended the last sessions holden at March to consider the subject, (of which a full and exclusive report appeared in this journal) and had there pleaded for an adjournment until the feelings of the inhabitants of the isle generally should be definitely expressed, was called upon to explain the bearings of the question. He did so, and it was then unanimously agreed that he be requested to attend at the special Sessions on the 27th, and express the unqualified disapprobation of all present, and their determination to oppose the scheme by every means in their power.

The following gentlemen were among those present.
Messrs Archer, Martins(3), Rayner, Moseley, Balls, Cropley, Porters (3), Cutlack, Luddington, Cook, Granger, Hall, Swift, Vipan, Scott, Harlock, Read(2), etc. etc. We refer our readers for a full report of the debate upon the subject at the special Session holden at March, on Tuesday last, to our first page.

The Central Assize Question
Withdrawal of the Rev. Mr. Fardell's motion
Full account on Page one col 2.
The last speech – Mr Fryer trusted that the Chairman would remain firm in his determination to withdraw his motion. It could not be carried in the face of the opposition of Ely and South Witchford, and the persisting in it would revive differences which were best forgotten. He thought the scheme desirable, but that the evils to be remedied were not of that magnitude which justified persistence in the motion. He also thought the scheme would not answer, unless the whole of the isle were included. The opinion of the inhabitants of Clackclose was that the Central Assize would be a good thing, if they could get it without paying towards the erection or alteration of any buildings at Wisbech. Now, it was impossible that a small portion of the isle could pay the expence that would accrue, and he was sure that Norfolk would not pay one penny. He thought that the burdens of the south part of the isle would be lessened, if Ely were made the metropolis of the isle; but that was a matter of opinion. The inevitable result of the Central Assize at Wisbech would be to draw all the business from Ely.

Dr. Fardell said that though the gentlemen on his side of the isle bore the same proportion to the rest of the magistrates as the men of Judah did to the men of Israel, still they would find that if their privileges were interfered with the words of the men of Judah would be fiercer than those of the men of Israel. The Chairman stated that he should persist in his notice of withdrawal, leaving the future introduction of the question open. Mr Fardell then handed his last notice to the Clerk of the Peace, and it was agreed to by the Court.
Prickwillow Bridge
Plans for a new bridge at Prickwillow, prepared by Mr. Human, were put in, and estimates were ordered to be obtained. The work to be carried out, provided the expense did not exceed £1,000, the sum already voted.
The Court then broke up.

Ely Union Contracts
The Board of Guardians to the above Union give notice that they will at their Weekly Meeting at the Union Workhouse in Ely, on Thursday 15th instant receive Tenders for supplying the said Workhouse and the Out-door Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief Districts with the following Articles from the 29th instant inclusive for thirteen weeks.
Good Thirds Flour at per stone
Good Bread, made of same flour (24 hours old) at per 4lb loaf.
Good Beef (clods, stickings, or brisket, (without bone)
Fore-quarters of mutton (not weighing less than 20 lbs a quarter) and Suet, at per stone.
To be delivered at the said workhouse at such times, in such quantities, as the Board of Guardians shall order, and to be supplied to the paupers in every parish, in such quantities as shall be expressed in tickets issued by the Relieving Officer.

N.B. Each Tender must be for supplying One Relief District at least.
They are also desirous of Contracting for such quantities of the undermentioned Articles as may from time to time be required at the said Workhouse, from the 29th instant, inclusive.
For Twenty-Six weeks
Provisions etc.
Cheese, Rice, Oatmeal, Moist Sugar, Salt, Soap and Soda at per stone
Butter, Tea and Dip Candles, at per lb.
Peas, at per coomb; Ale, at per gallon; Coals, at per ton; Turf, at per thousand.
Clothing Etc
Strong grey Army Cloth, for old mens' suits; Beaversteen, for boys' suits; and Twilled Calico, for lining the same;
Flannel for wearing; flannel for shrouds; Hemp, Calico, Blue Stripe, and Chambray, at per yard
Mens', Womens', Boys', and Girls', strong knitted Worsted Stockings, at per pair;
Worsted, at per lb; Cocoa-Nut Fibre at per cwt.
Sealed Tenders, indorsed "Tenders for Bread and Flour", or as the case may be, to be sent to me (free of expense) and samples must be produced at the Meeting.

The Tenders for Bread and Flour must be delivered at my Office the night previous to the Meeting, otherwise they will not be received, other Tenders may be delivered on or before Nine a.m. of the 15th instant. Contractors to give such security for the performance of their Contract as the Board may require; but the Guardians do not pledge themselves to accept the lowest or any of the Tenders; and Contractors are particularly requested to take notice that the Relieving Officers' duty is to settle with them every week, for all goods ordered by them
N. B. All persons having demand upon the above Union are requested to send in their bills to me on or before 5th April next, containing full particulars of the Articles furnished, or Work done, under the Orders of the Board, up to and including the 28th instant, accompanied with the Orders themselves.
By Oder of the Board
William Marshall, Clerk
Ely March 1st, 1849
March 10 1849
Death at Ely, on Monday last, aged 74 years, Sarah, relict of the late Mr. Thomas Smith.

The Bedford Level
It will be seen by an advertisement that a Special Meeting of the Bedford Level Corporation, for the election of a Register, in the place of the late Mr. Wills, has been called for Tuesday 20th instant.

Agricultural Agitation
Great Meeting at Ely
On Thursday last a grand demonstration was made by the agriculturists of the Isle of Ely
A meeting had been convened having for its object "to take into consideration the existing pressure upon the landed interest, through the depreciated value of agricultural produce, and to adopt such measures in relation thereto as might be thought most advisable." Long before 12 o'clock (the hour of commencement), The Shire Hall at Ely and all the avenues thereto were crowded by the most respectable of the owners and occupiers of the Isle, and the smaller occupiers more particularly appeared to view the proceedings with the most anxious interest.

Altogether there were not less than between 500 and 600 present, at any one time, and the mass kept continually changing in consequence of gentlemen changing places, owing to the determination of such as were not fortunate enough to be admitted at first, to hear some part of the proceedings. Mr. Wm. Layton, was unanimously voted to the chair.
Long account of Meeting Page 2 cols 7 & 8 and Page 3. cols 1 & 2.

Auditorship of the Bedford Level Corporation
To the Most Noble the Governors, and to the Bailiffs and Conservators
of the Honourable Corporation of the Bedford Level
And to the Hundred-Acre Proprietors of
Adventurers Land within the same.
My Lords and Gentlemen,
I take the liberty of announcing my intention of offering myself as a Candidate for the Office of Auditor to the Bedford Level Corporation, and of soliciting the favour of your vote and Interest in my behalf, in case that appointment should become vacant, by the Elevation of Mr. Archer to the Registrarship, with regard to my application for the Auditorship, I make no pretensions to be in any respect superior to either of my competitors, but I trust the Electors will consider, other things being equal, that the circumstance of my living at Ely, where the Fen Office is situated, and where the other principal Officers of the Corporation reside, is a point in my favour.

Being engaged in Public and Professional Duties, a personal canvas of the Extensive district of the Bedford Level, will be impossible, and I hope will not prejudice my position with those Electors, who might otherwise consider me eligible; but this, however, I can say, that should I succeed in obtaining the appointment, a lively sense of the honour so conferred on me, would stimulate me to serve the Corporation to the best of my ability.
I have the honour to be,
Your most obedient Servant
William Marshall.
March 17 1849
Bedford Level Corporation
To the Honourable the Governor, Bailiffs and Commonalty of the Bedford Level Corporation
My Lords and Gentlemen
The withdrawal of Mr. Margetts as a Candidate for the Auditorship has left Mr Marshall and myself to contest the field.
I come forward at the suggestion of many friends connected with the Corporation and otherwise deeply interested in Fen property, and I should but ill requite their kind intentions towards me, if I did not earnestly respond to their wishes, and persevere in the attainment of that honour it is their desire to see conferred upon me.
With a residence centrally in the Level, and perfectly compatible with a prompt discharge of the duties required of an Auditor to the Corporation – for some years past intimately concerned in the public affairs of the neighbourhood, and at present an Auditor to the Middle Level Drainage Commissioners, are, I trust, circumstances in some degree recommendatory, and a further assurance that I am not altogether unread in Fen matters.
Again soliciting the favour of your support and interest.
I have the honour to be
My Lords and Gentlemen
Your most obedient Servant
Thos. Tusting.
March 8th 1849

Birth, in the College, Ely, on the 9th instant, the lady of the Rev. J. H. Henderson, of a son.

Death at Ely, on the 15th instant, aged 65 years. Serjeant John Poole: he was 45 years in the Cambridgeshire Militia.

Ely – Novel way of Getting in Rates
On Friday last, the inhabitants of the city of Ely were somewhat amused by the crier of the town giving the following public notice at the corners of the streets by order of the Overseer. “that all persons who should be in arrear at 10 o’clock the next morning in the payment of the poor and gas

rates would be summoned before the magistrates and proceeded against according to the usual course." This novel plan had the effect of bringing up nearly 100 persons in arrear, who forthwith paid their respective rates.

Election of Registrar of the Bedford Level Corporation.
A special meeting of the members of the Bedford Level Corporation, was holden in the Guildhall, Ely, on Tuesday last, for the purpose of electing a Register in the place of the late Samuel Wells, Esq. The Meeting was called for 10 o'clock, but it was about half an hour after that time before the business began. J. S. Bradfield, Esq., was in the chair and the following members of the Board were present:-
Messrs. J. Vipan, G. Hall, T. W. Granger, T Saberton, H. Lawrence, T. Vipan, E. Ball, W. Layton, J. Seaber, W. Nix, and C. Calledge. The attendance of the commonalty was very numerous.

The Chairman said that in consequence of the death of Mr. Wells the Board had thought it necessary to call the present meeting to elect a gentleman to fill the vacant office of Register, and he had great pleasure in proposing that Mr. Archer be elected (applause). He had known Mr Archer for some years, and most of those present had even a longer acquaintance with that gentleman than himself; and he had no doubt whatever they would find that he would fill the office with credit to himself and benefit the Corporation (hear, hear). He therefore, proposed him as a fit person to be elected to the office of Register of the Bedford Level Corporation (applause).
Mr Layton seconded the nomination in the absence of Mr. Martin in consequence of indisposition.
Following are the number of speeches then the business of the Corporation was discussed.
Full account on Page 3, cols 3 & 4.

March 24 1849

Isle of Ely
Notice is hereby given that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely will be holden at the Sessions House in Wisbech, on Wednesday 4th April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at which hour the chair will be taken: and all Jurors, Constables, and persons bound by recognizances and others having occasion to attend are required to give their attendance accordingly.

And notice is also hereby given that the business relating to the Constabulary Force of the Isle, and laying a Police-rate towards defraying the expenses of the said force, will commence and be proceeded in immediately after the Grand Jury are sworn and charged; and after such business is disposed of, the business relating to the assessment, application or management of the Isle stock or Rate will commence and be done and transacted in Open Court.

The Justices Clerks are requested to send the several depositions and recognizances to the office of the Clerk of the Peace, at Wisbech, on or before the Saturday preceding.
Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace

March 31 1849

Ely – The Sessions
The Sessions for the isle of Ely will commence on Wednesday next, at the Sessions House, in Ely, and not at Wisbech, as was erroneously stated in the advertisement in our last.

The following prisoners have been committed for trial at the ensuing quarter sessions, on Wednesday next, 4th April.

William Feast the elder, (on bail), Wm. Feast, the younger, and Thomas Feast, stealing a turkey and ducks.

Stephen Read, stealing a quantity of beans
John King, stealing a pair of boots
Joseph Winters, stealing 175 bricks
John Falkner, stealing an iron shovel
Martin Stally, on bail, and William Goodenough, stealing a cloth cap.

John Sharping and John Beltham, stealing a sheep
Thomas Canham, stealing a fowl
Philip Goodman and Paul Goodman, stealing a gun
Isaac Poole (on bail) stealing herrings
Jabaz Bates, and Wm. Cooper, want of sureties
Cornelius Brown, stealing tools
Jane Stewart and Sarah Ann Mason, stealing wearing apparel
Mary Ann Gates, want of sureties.
Sarah Ann Todd, (on bail) stealing a purse and money
John Walton, stealing webbing
Wm Dobson, stealing a pump
Henry White, stealing shoes
John Day, obtaining money etc., under false pretences
Henry Buzzard, stealing wheat
Thomas Thickpenny, stealing boxes, a looking glass etc.
Joseph Winters, stealing a bushel of potatoes.

Incendiarism

On Tuesday night last, about half-past eleven o'clock, the inhabitants of this city were alarmed by the cry of fire, and in a few minutes the place was brilliantly illuminated by a fire in the stack-yard of Henry Lawrence, Esq.,

Plenty of help was soon rendered, and by determined management the adjoining stacks of Mr. Lawrence, and James Cropley, Esq., were saved.

Three wheat stacks and part of another were entirely destroyed by the hand of some vile scoundrel. At present no suspicion is fixed on any particular party. A reduction in the wages of labourers is said to be the cause. For ourselves, we think it a libel upon the industrious man, who, although poor, has not that dastardly feeling to wickedly destroy that which it is his daily labour to cultivate.

Appointment of Officers for Ely.

Ely St. Mary's
Surveyors: Messrs. H. Ball, and H Saunders,
Overseers: G. W. Careless and James Evans,
Constables: Thomas Ellis, W. B. Jefferson, and J. L. Haylock
Ely Trinity
Surveyors: John Harlock and John Sindle
Overseers: Thomas Pate, Wm. Broderick, jun., and Wm. Sindle
Constables: John Baxter, Ellis Hills, and Joseph Cator.

Burnt Fen First District

Notice is hereby given that a general meeting of the commissioners acting in Execution of the acts of Parliament now in force for the Drainage of the above District, will be holden by adjournment, at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Saturday 14th April next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and that the objects of such meeting will be to Assess the Taxes for the ensuing year, to take into consideration the propriety of repairing or taking down the mills called the White Top Mills, situate near the bank of the river Lark; and to transact any other business that may be brought under the consideration of this meeting.
Dated 29th March, 1849
T. & G. Archer
Clerks to the Commissioners

April 7 1849

Marriage – On Saturday 24th ultimo, at St Luke's New Brompton, Mr. W. Lawrence, of Ely to Miss Bowden, daughter of the late Mr. Jas. Bowden, builder and architect.

Ely – Stupid Conduct of a Railway Porter.

On Tuesday last as W. P. Hammond, Esq., of Pampisford hall, was returning from Lynn to Cambridge, upon arriving at the Ely station he dropped his purse, containing 4 or 5 sovereigns. One the porters happened to find it, held it up and asked who was the owner among the passengers; and of course as was extremely probable, he found one, but not the right one. Some suspicious looking fellow said "it is mine", and the result was that the real owner was minus of his property. A representation was made at head quarters, and the porter has been reprimanded for his stupidity.

Isle of Ely Sessions

These Sessions were held at Ely on Wednesday and Thursday last before the Rev. Henry Fardell, chairman, the Revs. Gale Townley, Dr. Fardell, H. Millars, and W. Howarth, Wm. Layton Esq., - Fryer Esq., and others.

First case, an appeal by the son of an opulent farmer residing in Wisbech, against an order for the maintenance of an illegitimate child.

Court confirmed the order.

Prisoners

Thomas Thickpenny (25) charged with stealing wearing apparel. Sentenced to six months' hard labour.

Thomas Canham (62) charged with stealing a fowl, found guilty

Isaac Poole, No evidence offered – acquitted.

Sarah Ann Todd (21) charged with stealing two purses and £4. 19s. The Grand Jury threw out the bill.

Moses Archer found guilty of stealing three pecks of undressed oats. Six weeks hard labour.

John Sharping (40) and John Beltham (18) charged with stealing a sheep, property of Mr. John Little of Littleport. Beltham found guilty, Sharping acquitted.

Thursday

Joseph Winters (33) found guilty of stealing a bushel of potatoes. Six weeks hard labour

John Walton (28) charged with stealing a piece of linen webbing property of Merchant Coy, harness maker of March, found guilty, six weeks hard labour.

Harriet Barton (24) found guilty of stealing an apron and a shawl – One months; hard labour.

Joseph Winters (58) was found guilty of stealing bricks from the meeting-house wall at Mepal. One months' hard labour.

Philip Goodman (16) found guilty of stealing a gun, property of John Ellingham, of Littleport. The brother Paul Goodman was acquitted.

John Falkner (21) found guilty of stealing an iron shovel at Whittelsey.

Adam Earle, the younger, charged with stealing an oar property of Wm. Hay, master of a sloop from Goole, lying in the Wisbech river. The jury acquitted the prisoner.

William Feast (41) and his two sons, indicted for stealing ten ducks and a turkey, the property of David Ellingham, at Ely. All prisoners found guilty.

John King was found guilty of stealing a pair of boots.

The following prisoners pleaded guilty. Henry White, Henry Buzzard, Cornelius Brown, Wm. Dobson, Stephen Peed, and Wm. Wallace.

April 14 1849

Ely – Fortune Telling

For some time a young Israelite has, by his pretended power to prognosticate what is the fate of his fellow men, and to communicate the wicked desires of weak designing fools to infernal spirits, obedient a good living from the exercise of the demonological art; but this pest has been obliged to flee the place, finding his personal liberty in jeopardy, and that there was some danger of his getting

his head into a halter. A frail creature from Soham, being tired of him to whom she had pledged her troth, and preferring the amours of another, wished to get rid of the dominion of her liege lord, and concerted with the cunning man to rule the heavens to enable her to wed again.

To do this, the life of her lawful swain was to be sacrificed. This could not be thought of for a trifle; no, the power of the wise man could not be exercised but by the influence of gold, which was supplied him; and having conspired to take the life of a fellow creature, and fearing the consequences he has had the misfortune, being ignorant of his own fate, to be obliged to leave a livelihood, obtained from the credulity of weak-minded and foolish people.

April 21 1849

The Courts of the Dean and Chapter of Ely, and
The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Ely.
The spring Courts of the Rev. the Dean and Chapter of Ely will be holden for the Manor of Ely Porta, on Wednesday 25th April, instant, at the hour of Eleven forenoon at the Ely Porta Lodge, in the College, Ely.

The Courts of the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Ely will be holden at the usual and accustomed places as under:-
For the Manor of Ely Barton, on Monday 30th April instant at the hour of eleven forenoon.
For the Manor of Downham, on Tuesday 1st May, next at the same hour.
H. R. Evans & Son
Deputy Stewards.

Visitations 1849
Notice is hereby given that the Easter Visitation for Ely by the Worshipful John Henry Sparke, M. A. Chancellor of the Diocese of Ely, will be held at the time and place following:-
For the Deanery of Ely, in the Parish Church of the Holy Trinity, in Ely, on Thursday 26th April instant at Twelve o'clock.

Bedford Level Corporation.
The April meeting of the above Corporation for the election of Officers etc., was holden on Thursday in the Shire Hall, Ely.
The Earl of Hardwick was unanimously re-elected surveyor general.

The Chairman J. B. S. Bradfield, asked if it was the pleasure of the meeting to appoint Mr. Thomas Archer, Register, at a salary of £250 a year? Mr Archer had declined to accept the £40 a year which had been paid to the late Register as an allowance for stationary, etc., and would take office at a salary of £250 and the taxes the former Register enjoyed. There was a unanimous cry of "aye", and some cheers.

The Board recommended the election of Mr Evans as Receiver and Inspector general, this was a re-appointment at a salary of £80 per annum, although it had been suggested that the salary be reduced to £50.

After much discussion Mr. Wm. Marshall was elected Auditor at a salary of £40 a year.

The business of the Corporation continued on the Norfolk Estuary Scheme
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Isle of Ely Adjourned Sessions
Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, for the Isle of Ely, will be held by Adjournment at the Guildhall in March, on Tuesday 8th May next, at Twelve o'clock at

noon when the business relating to the Assessment, Application or management of the Isle Stock or Rate will be done and transacted in open Court.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech, April 24th 1849

May 5 1849

St Mary's Street, Ely
Two Hundred and Thirty-one Lots of valuable modern
Household Furniture
Square Pianoforte and Effects
To Be Sold by Auction
By George Legge
On the premises on Monday and Tuesday, the 7th and 8th days of May 1849, punctually at One o'clock each day, the property of Miss Lowry, who is leaving Ely. The goods may be viewed each morning before the sale, and catalogues had of the Auctioneer, Ely.

Turnpike Road
Leading from the Lamb Corner in Ely, to the Chequer Corner in Downham, in the County of Norfolk, called "The North District".
In Pursuance of a Requisition from Two of the Trustees of the said Turnpike-road. Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the said Trustees will be holden at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Friday the eleventh day of May next at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of Letting the Tolls arising at Chettisham, Scottings Bridge, and Fordham Turnpike Gates, together with the several Toll Houses belonging thereto, and on general business.
H. R. Evans & Son, Clerks

Mysterious Poisoning of Two Children at Witchford near Ely
On Tuesday, the 17th ultimo, an inquest was held at Witchford, before Wm. Marshall, Esq., one of the coroners for the isle of Ely, on view of the bodies of Susan Bailey, aged 4 years, and John Bailey, an infant of a year old, whose deaths had taken place suddenly, and had been proceded by symptoms which seemed to demand inquiry.
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The inquest was adjourned for a fortnight, and the Coroner exhorted each member of the jury to assist the police authorities in unravelling the mystery which at present invested the case.

May 12 1849

Ely – Distressing Accident
On Friday last a respectable labourer, Richard Fenn, in the employ of the South Level Commissioners, was raising earth at Rose-hill pits, for the repair of the banks, and whilst so employed a quantity of earth gave way, falling upon the poor fellow, he was soon dug out by his companions, but died whilst being conveyed home, leaving a wife and seven children, for whose relief a subscription was immediately after entered into, and about £10 collected. A woman named Bet Lovell, residing near Fenn's on being informed of the above dreadful occurrence, in the hearing of several people offered up a prayer to her Maker that her son, who had been ill treating her, might be brought home in the same way. Her desire was realised on the following Monday. Her only son was employed at the Railway docks with three other porters, King, Butty, and Sparks, in removing a large block of stone about 5 tons from a truck into a lighter. When the stone had cleared the truck it over-balanced the crane, on which were Lovell, Butty, and King, taking the crane and truck into the dock. Lovell fell under the crane, and could not be got out for several hours, Butty fell between the side of the dock and the truck, was crushed, but immediately taken out, and now lies in great agony. King jumped off, whilst Sparks was carried on the truck into the dock, and swam across to the other side, escaping unhurt. Lovell must have died instantly, being much injured. The feelings of the mother who had shortly before told her son she hoped he would be brought home dead, may be easily conceived.

An inquest was afterwards held before Mr. Marshall, when a verdict of "accidental death" was returned.

It is but just to observe that the company not having crane sufficiently powerful for the purpose at Ely, sent to Cambridge for the one which cause the accident.

House Windmill and Land, Manea, Isle of Ely
To be Sold by Auction, By Mr. R. Newton
On Friday, 25th May, 1849, at the George Inn, Chatteris, at Seven o'clock in the evening, (Subject to such conditions of sale as will then be produced)
The following Valuable Estate
In Manea, a capital Dwelling House with Yard, Garden, Barns, Stables, Granary and Pump with Well of excellent water. Also a first-rate Brick Tower Corn Windmill, driving two pairs of Stones, one pair French, one pair Greys, capital Dressing Machine, and Going-gears, and all requisite tackle belonging; and One Acre of Land adjoining, situate in the most convenient part of the town, and lately in the occupation of Mr. Lambert Meeks, at the annual rent of £40.

The above Premises are Freehold, except two Roods of the Land which are Copyhold, and held of the Manor of Manea.

N. B. Immediate possession will be given if required.
For further particulars apply to Mr. Varnham, near the New Common Bridge, Wisbech, to the Auctioneer, Chatteris; or to Mr. Swallow, solicitor, St Ives. Hunts.

Half the Purchase Money may remain upon security of the Premises.

Isle of Ely
We rejoice to be able to announce that the inhabitants of the Isle of Ely, in the district of Wisbech, are about to add their voice to the general expression of abhorrence which the concurrent advance of Free Trade and national distress has called forth from the British People. A public meeting will be holden in the Sessions House at Wisbech, at noon next Saturday, when the sentiments of practical men upon the dangerous theories now in vogue will be conveyed in petitions to both Houses of Parliament.

We do not wonder that the ruinous depression which now weighs down the agriculturists should have stirred up even the quiet and loyal inhabitants of this quarter of the kingdom into active opposition to the destructive policy which the violence of Manchester democrats forced upon a weak and treacherous minister.

They have suffered patiently, but have reached the limits of endurance, and can no longer look impassively on at the tide of desolation which is advancing upon them. They do right to meet and discuss their grievances, and aid by their public voice the efforts of those statesmen who are endeavouring to bring back the legislature to a true sense of its duties. Wisbech is doubly bound to take part in the struggle now going on. It is a shipping and an agricultural town, and those are the two interests just now most imperilled by the free-trade nostrums of our rulers. The "industrial interests" of the place are indeed at stake, and it would have been a scandal if its voice had been silent amid the cry for protection to the British workman which is echoing in every corner of the empire.

There is no need for us to offer a word of advice as to the mode of conducting the business of the meeting. We perceive by the terms of the requisition to the Mayor that the broad principle of protection, not to the agriculturist only, but to all who own the sway of Queen Victoria, is amply recognised. Warfare by isolated classes is at an end. We now have union of all classes; and in that

union there is assurance of ultimate triumph, although it may for a time be postponed by such unworthy arts, weak concessions, and mistaken fears as combined to carry the second reading of the Navigation Bill last Wednesday morning.

May 19 1849

Death – On the 16th instant at Ely, in the 17th year of his age, Henry Scripps, second son of Samuel Tudor, Esq., of Upper Thames Street, and Bromley Middlesex.

The Dean

The friends of the Dean of Ely will be gratified to learn of his safe arrival at the Deanery on Thursday afternoon, from Madeira, in excellent health.

Coronation Races

The Coronation races are fixed to take place on Friday 29th June, the 28th being market day. The excellent sport afforded last year having given great satisfaction, some of the best horses in the neighbourhood are already entered; the stewards are progressing with the subscriptions which promise to be more liberal than heretofore. Ely races are being looked forward to with much anxiety by the residents of the town and neighbourhood, "what the forthcoming are to be, such never was before."

The Diocesan Missionary Society.

It was announced at Cambridge last week, by the Rev. Canon Selwyn, that the annual meeting of the above society will be holden at Ely about the middle of June, and that the sermon upon the occasion will be presented by the Rev. Professor Scholefield of Cambridge. This society was established two years ago upon the broad principle of embracing the four societies of the Church of England which are engaged in missionary operations.

We are enabled to present to our readers a copy of the two principal resolutions which will be submitted to the public meeting at Wisbech this day.

Resolved – "That it is the opinion of this meting that the recent legislative enactments in favour of free trade, have had an injurious effect on all the industrial classes of this country, but more especially that of agriculture, inasmuch as corn grown in foreign countries can always be brought to the British market, and sold at a much lower price than the home producer can possibly afford, whilst labouring under the pressure of burdens to which other countries are not subject.

"That there is at present no evidence to shew that even partial benefit has any where been felt, and still less reason to hope that universal prosperity can result from such measures, which it is the opinion of this meeting are founded upon erroneous principles, and must, therefore, bring fearful and ruinous consequences on all those interests by which the national greatness and prosperity have been hitherto upheld to preserve which a return to protective policy appears the only remedy.

A petition was also to be proposed to present to Parliament based on the resolutions.

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The Parish of Ely Trinity

The ratepayers of the extensive parish of Ely Trinity, will be glad to learn that the funds in hand are nearly sufficient to meet the expenses of the current half-year; and that instead of two poor rates in the year, one will suffice for this; but whether it is to be on the assessment which has been forthcoming for the last ten years is not at present known.

Report of Protectionist Meeting at Wisbech.

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Bedford Level Corporation.
The General Whitsuntide Meeting of the Board, will be held at the Fen Office, in Ely, on Wednesday 30th May, at Ten o'clock forenoon.

The Public Meeting of the Corporation will be held at the Shire Hall, in Ely, on the same day at Twelve o'clock, for the election of members of the Board, and other purposes.
Thomas Archer. Register
Fen Office Ely, May 15th 1849

Rents in arrear for the above Corporation.
Notice is hereby given to all persons whose rents, due at or before the last April meeting are in arrear, that unless the same shall be paid seven days before the ensuing Whitsun Meeting, a list of their Names, with the amount of their arrears, will be affixed on the door of the shire hall, and in the Board room of the Whitsun Meeting.
H. R. Evans, Receiver General
Ely 23rd May 1849

June 2 1849

The Cathedral
Mr Warrington, of London, has presented a most beautiful and splendid stained glass window, which is put in near the font. The subjects are the Nativity and Annunciation. The superior richness of the colours will always give it a foremost place amongst the beautiful windows which will shortly grace this magnificent structure; it will reflect great credit upon the taste of the artist who has so liberally contributed by this gift to the improvement now being carried on.

Bedford Level Corporation.
The name of Mr. Ebenezer Foster was accidentally omitted among those of gentlemen who voted for Mr Layton at the late election for Bailiff; and those of Mr. T. Aveling and Mr. R. Seymour among those of Mr Nix's supporters. The addition of these names will make our numbers vary slightly from those declared by the Register, but it is next to impossible for a Bedford poll taken by two parties to agree.

Architectural Society
On Monday last, a number of the members of the East Anglian Architectural Society had an excursion, upon which occasion they visited Ely Cathedral, when the Rev. Mr. Boutell, of Downham Market delivered a very concise and eloquent lecture on the various styles of architecture.

Ely Union Contracts
The Board of Guardians of the above Union, will, at their Weekly Meeting at the Union Workhouse, in Ely, on Thursday, 7th June next, receive Tenders for supplying the said Workhouse and the Out-door paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief Districts with the following articles, from the 28th June next, for thirteen weeks.
Good Thirds Flour, at per stone
Good Bread, made of same quality flour (24 hours old) at per 4lb loaf
Good Beef, (Clods, Stickings, or Briskets (without bone)
Fore Quarters Mutton, (not weighing less than 20 lbs per quarter) and Suet, at per stone.
Conditions and instructions for delivery, same as previous quarters notices.

Account of Bedford Level Corporation Whitsun Meeting
Election of Officers and General Business
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June 9 1849

Death – at Ely, on the 4th instant, after a long affliction, Thomas Selborne, Captain and Adjutant of the Cambridgeshire Regiment of Militia, aged 60 years; as an officer beloved by all over whom he had the command, and by his equals and superiors he was highly esteemed and respected. His loss will be long and deeply felt by many.

Pleasure Trip

On Thursday, the East Anglian Railway Cmpany ran a cheap pleasure train to Ely. About 300 availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting this city.

Burnt Fen First District

Notice is hereby given, that, pursuant to an Appointment made by seven of the Commissioners for Draining the First District of Burnt Fen Lands, and of which Appointment due notice has been given, a Special Meeting of the Commissioners will be held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 21st June instant at Twelve o'clock at noon, for the purpose of considering whether any repairs and alterations are required to be done to the engines or drains of the said Commissioners during the present season, and of making such orders in relation to the same, as may be thought expedient, also for transacting any general business which may arise.
Dated this seventh day of June
T. and G. Archer
Clerks to the Commissioners.

June 16 1849

Ely - Opening of the New Chapel at Prickwillow

On Wednesday last, this Chapel was opened for divine service, under license from the Bishop of Ely. It is built on a site kindly given for the purpose by the Commissioners of the Middle Fen, near the bridge, on the Lark River.

The building is of flint, with dressings of stone and brick, roofed with slate, with a Porch on the south side, and a vestry on the north. Many of the members of the Cathedral Church, and the neighbouring clergy, with a large congregation, from Ely and Prickwillow, assembled for divine service at 3 p.m. when, the Bishop's license having been recited, the prayers of the Church were read by the Rev. W. K. Clay, Minister of Ely Holy Trinity (to which parish the hamlet of Prickwillow belongs) the lessons by the Rev. E. Gillett, Curate; the sermon by the Rev. W. Selwyn, Canon of Ely, from Psalm CXXII v.1. and 2.

"I was glad when they said unto me; let us go into the House of the Lord, our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem." The 84th Psalm was sung after the prayers, and the old 100th Psalm after the sermon; in which the whole congregation joined heartily. The party from Ely went down by the ordinary train at 2.18 pm, and returned by a special train at 4.30 pm. The fineness of the weather contributed much to the enjoyment of the day.

The Diocesan Missionary Meeting

The Diocesan Missionary Meeting will be holden at Ely this day. We propose giving a report of the proceedings in our next publication.

Inquest

The following inquests have been holden before Mr. Marshall, Coroner, during the past week:-

On Saturday last on John Turner, late shepherd to Mr. Swift, of Woodhouse, near Ely, who on the morning of that day was driving some sheep on the furlong of the bank; the dog in endeavouring to turn one of the sheep, ran it into the river, the poor fellow began to take off his clothes, but observing that there would not be time to do so before the sheep was drowned, ventured in after the sheep, and in the attempt to save the same got out of his depth, and both man and sheep were drowned. Verdict, "Accidental Death."

On Monday, on the body of John Large, aged 60, for many years one of the band of the Cambs. Militia, who was in the morning of that day found dead in his bed. Verdict. "Died by the visitation of God."

On Wednesday, on the body of a boy named Newman, 13 years of age, who on the previous day was in good health, but shortly before going to bed was very sick, and in the morning was found dead. A boy, Lee, had just previously thrown a stone, which struck the deceased on the head. The inquest was adjourned, to afford an opportunity for a post-mortem examination, to ascertain whether the throwing the stone caused his death, or whether it arose from other causes.

On Thursday, on a private of the 5th Regiment of Foot, aged 38, who was on his way from Glasgow to Norwich, with four others, a recruiting party, indulged himself rather too freely with drink, when a little below Ely, standing near the door of the railway carriage in which he was travelling, which was open, he pitched out and broke his neck. Verdict. "Accidental death." Deceased would have been entitled to his discharge, and a pension, had he been three months' longer in the service, in which he served 17 years in India.

June 23 1849

Isle of Ely

Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at the Sessions House, in Wisbech, on Wednesday 4th July, next, at ten o'clock forenoon, at which hour the Chair will be taken.

Ely – Diocesan Missionary Society.

On Saturday last the third annual Diocesan Missionary Meeting was held in the Cathedral. The day being inconvenient for the clergy at a distance, the attendance was not so numerous as at the two previous meetings. At half-past ten a. m. the Bishop proceeded to the church, and was met by the Dean, the Vice-Dean, the Canon in Residence (Dr. French) and the minor canons, and a large number of the neighbouring clergy, with a few from the more distant parts of the diocese, the chair was well filled by the inhabitants of Ely and the visitors.

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Highways

At lady-day last, Mr. John Harlock for the town and Mr. John Sindle for the fen, were appointed surveyors of the Highways for Ely Trinity. Immediately after their appointment the former commenced various works, which gave great dissatisfaction to the party who brought the Surveyors into office: and after expending from £300 to £400 without levying a rate, it was thought by Mr. Harlock time to make one; but the fen surveyor, Mr Sindle, refused so to do. The consequence was the discharge of all the scavengers, street-sweepers, etc., the neglect of watering the streets, and the necessary reparation of the roads; the parish being virtually without Surveyors, and the inhabitants choked with dust and filth, until Mr. Harlock chooses to compel his colleague to sign the rate by applying to the Court of Queen's Bench for a mandamus, or their ejection from office by the Magistrates, in consequence of their neglecting to perform the duties of their office. However badly the parish money has been spent, it is to be hoped but little will be squandered away in settling the differences which have unhappily arisen.

The Races
The programme of sports for next Friday is out. Two silver cups and various stakes are to be run for. A company of equestrians will be in the town, who, it is said will enliven the course with their band, which will be drawn in a splendid car by twelve horses in the hands of a single driver.

June 30 1849

Death at Ely – On Saturday last, aged 60 years, Mr. John Goodbody.

July 7 1849

Grunty Fen, near Ely
100 Acres of corporation Fen Land
In Lots
Freehold, Extra-Parochial, and Tithe-Free
To Be Sold by Auction
By C. M. Bidwell.
On Thursday, 26th day of July instant, at Six o'clock in the evening at the Lamb Inn, Ely (subject to such conditions of sale as will then be read), and in convenient Lots of Six Acres and Twelve Acres each, or in such other sized Lots as may be declared at the time of sale;
One Hundred Acres of very Rich and Valuable Land situate in Grunty Fen, near Ely, the whole of which (with the exception of about five Acres) has been lately under-drained with tiles, and is now in excellent condition for cropping.

Possession may be had at Old Michaelmas.

N. B. The Estate being free of all Parochial Rates and Tithes, the outgoings are merely nominal, and at present time are less than One shilling an Acre.

For further particulars apply to Mr. Marshall, Solicitor, or to C. M. Bidwell, auctioneer and Surveyor, Ely, at either of whose offices a plan of the property may be seen.

July 14 1849

Death at Ely, on Friday 6th instant, Phoebe, the beloved wife of William Marshall, Esq., solicitor, of Ely.

Ely – at the Suffolk sessions on Tuesday instant.
Jonathan Cross of this place, bargemaster, was charged with stealing and receiving some bundles of willows, the property of Mr John Seaber, jun., from his farm at Mildenhall. Mr Worlledge prosecuted; Mr Naylor defended Cross. It was sworn that the prisoner was on board his gang when a man on board got out and threw some bundles into the lighters and then jumped. A few days after one of the bundles was found on board one of Cross's lighters. There was some doubt whether the witness who swore to Cross being on board had not made a mistake although he was very positive. After a speech from Mr. Naylor pointing out the danger of a conviction upon such evidence, the jury acquitted the prisoner.

July 14 1849

School Treat
On Wednesday last the children of the National Schools were entertained at tea by the Revs. Canons French and Selwyn, they then played about the park, after which they again assembled and were regaled with negus and cake, and having given three cheers for the ladies, and sung National Anthem, dispersed highly gratified with the treat.

St Mary's Street, Ely
The Misses Legge return sincere thanks, for the liberal patronage and support they have received, and beg to announce that the duties of their school will re-commence on Tuesday, 24th July.

Classical and Commercial School
Fore Hill, Ely
Mr Trigg returns sincere thanks to his friends for their very liberal patronage and support, and respectfully announces that the duties of his school will be resumed on Monday 23th July.

Ely
38A 1R of abundant Growing Crops of Corn
To Be Sold by Auction
By C. M. Bidwell
On Thursday August 2nd, 1849, at Six o'clock in the evening, at the White Lion Inn, Ely, St Mary, in convenient Lots, the property of Mr. John Evans, who is retiring from business.

Comprising 19 Acres Wheat
4 Acres Oats
6 Acres Barley
9 Acres and 1 Rood of Beans

July 21 1849
Ely
Death of George Hall, Esq.,
Our obituary of this day announces the demise of George Hall, Esq., of the firm of G and H Hall, common brewers, etc., Ely, which took place at the residence of his son, Henry Hall, Esq., Hollyton Hampshire, whither he had gone in good health, on his return the preceding day from a tour with his family to the Isle of Wight. Shortly after his arrival he had a malignant attack of cholera, of which he died in about ten hours. The deceased gentleman was churchwarden of the important parish of Ely Trinity, more that twenty years; one of the Conservators of the Corporation of the Bedford Level, an active Commissioner of the Eau Brink, South Level and all the fen districts round Ely; and a feoffee of nearly all the charity properties in Ely; besides principal conductor of one of the most extensive businesses in this part of the Kingdom, in which he was indomitably persevering. As a good man of business he leaves but few superiors, and he died sincerely regretted by a large circle of friends, by whom he was highly esteemed in private life.
July 28 1849
August 4 1849
Eligible Landed Investment
At Grunty Fen, near Ely.
100 Acres of Corporation Fen Land of excellent quality, in a Ring-Fence, the whole being Freehold, Extra Parochial, and Tithe Free, with a newly-erected Cottage, Barn, Bullock Lodge and Stable thereon.
To be Sold by Auction, By C. M. Bidwell.
At the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday 9th August 1849 at seven o'clock in the evening, in one Lot.
The Estate is in hand and Possession may be had at Old Michaelmas next.
The whole of the land with the exception of Five Acres has lately been well under-drained with Tiles, and is now in excellent condition for cropping, and as it is free from all parochial Rates and Tithes, the outgoings are less 1 Shilling per acre, Eau Brink Tax £2 10s., Land Tax £2 9s 6d per annum.
Particulars may be had of Mr Marshall, Solicitor or C. M. Bidwell, Surveyor and valuer.

Downham, Isle of Ely
39A 8P of Valuable Land
In West Fen, all Freehold and Tithe-free except 2A 8P
To Be Sold by Auction
By C. M. Bidwell and George Legge
(jointly concerned herein)
At the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday next August 9th 1849 at Six o'clock in the evening, by order of the executors of the late Mrs Hammond, in the following Lots:-

A	R	P	
			Lot 1
10	2	9	Of Extra Parochial and Tithe-Free Adventurers Land abutting upon Short Drove, east; Lot 3, west; and lying between the next lot, south; and lands of Clare Hall and Mr John Moxon, north; late in the occupation of Mr. Philip Hopkin. Part of No. "456" on the Littleport and Downham District Map
11	3	29	**Lot 2** Of like Land; last lot, north; a Droveway and land of Philip Hopkin, south; also late in occupation of Mr. Philip Hopkin. Part of No. "456" on the Littleport and Downham District Map
16	2	10	**Lot 3** Of like Land being Five Pieces lying together; abutting on the last two lots and Land of Mr. Philip Hopkin, east and west; the Fen Drove, north; Downham Feoffees and Mr. Wm. Martin, west; late in occupation of Mr. Joseph Brown. 2A 0R 8P are Copyhold of the Manor of Downham – Quit Rent 1s 2d. The remainder Freehold, being Nos. "455" and "473" on the Littleport and Downham District Map

Further particulars may be had of Messrs. Dench & Son, and of C. M. Bidwell and George Legge at their respective offices in Ely.

Turnpike Road

Leading from Cambridge to Ely, and from thence to Soham, etc. called "The South District".

In pursuance of a Requisition from Two of the Trustees of the said Turnpike road, Notice is hereby given, that a Meeting of the said Trustees will be holden at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Friday, 17th August next, at Eleven o'clock, in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Committee appointed for improving the road leading from Ely to Stuntney.

Dated this 31st July 1849

H. R. Evans and Son, Clerks.

August 11 1849

Ely – Caution

At a Petty Sessions, held on the 2nd instant, Mr. Jere. Giscard, owner of Benton's Court, in Ely, was fined £2 12s 6d for neglecting to remove a nuisance.

The Crops

Harvest operations have scarcely commenced in this neighbourhood, throughout the fens the wheat crop is considered good, promising in quantity, a full average, although the quality generally is not likely to be first rate; the barley crop is below the average: the oats generally a very nice crop; beans are a most abundant crop, a stalk was shown this day grown by Mr. Roger Burgess, Burnt Fen, which had 62 pods, and the number of beans therein above 220, its length when standing was not above 4 feet 6 inches. The pea crop is more plentiful than it has been for years, it is gratifying to learn that the potato crop, with but a few exceptions has escaped the disease which has for the last two years proved so destructive to that root, which is so extensively grown in this district. The crops generally will not be fit for the sickle for another fortnight. During the last week two or three auctions of cropping have been held at the sale of Mr. John Evans', the wheat made about £9 the acre; the whole beans, barley, oats, and wheat averaging about £7. 10s per acre: at the sale of cropping at Stretham, the wheat made £12 the acre, and at Prickwillow but £6, and at the latter 6 acres of oats realised but £17.

Change of Value

Thirty-three years ago one guinea per chaldron for freight alone of coals was paid from Lynn to Cambridge, now coals are selling delivered by East Anglian Rail at Adelaide Bridge crossing at 15s

6d per ton. Sixty-seven years ago six acres of land, not one mile from Ely bridge was sold for four guineas, the present annual value is £18.

The Biter Bit

A superannuated Jehu, upon whom the Cambridge men fixed the appellation of "Ursa Minor" in contradistinction to one of more pretension to surliness, who formerly "tool'd" four in hand between the metropolis and Cambridge, but by cheaper locomotion lost his box, and now plies a bus from the Ely station to the town, at a fare of 6d., including driver and porter, and has to endure in this insignificant vocation an opposition from an old brother dragsman, Boughen, the landlord of the Lamb Inn, who inadvertently had made himself liable to an excise information, and the penalty of £50, by running an omnibus which he had borrowed whilst his own was under repair, and on which he had neglected to put the number, off runs Jehu on the discovery to Mr. Exciseman to lay the information, but which he was required to give in writing; this was speedily done in Jehu's best style, but on presenting it the officer read it, and addressing coachee told him he had not put down enough, and desired to have written on the same information that Mr. B. drove his omnibus four times a day down to the station more than he took out a license to do, and that Mr. B. was subject to a heavy fine on the discovery of this illegal practice. The poor fellow looked unutterable things – perfectly astonished to find himself in the pit he had excavated for his old friend, and slunk away mortified and chagrined; the consequence of which has been that the proprietors of both omnibuses have taken out additional licenses, costing six guineas per annum each, and have received a caution from the Board that they will both be looked sharp after in future.

Sharp Practice

Ben, once a jolly young waterman, and now a publican and sinner, requiring high pressure from his creditors to obtain discharges of long-standing accounts, got into a Norfolk brewer's ledger, who endeavoured to get Bens' steam up to wipe it off, but quill and black strap failed to get sufficient pressure, and a writ and declaration was clapt on, which had the desired effect, and brought him up to the lawyer's with enough to pay debt and costs. Poor Boniface thought himself hardly dealt with, and having got his bill receipted, but not on a stamp, felt gratified that lawyers were amenable to the laws of old England, and that he had an opportunity of serving him out. Straightway an epistle was addressed to "Queen Victoria", London, which Her Majesty not being graciously pleased to notice, was followed up by another and another, until the landlord's hopes grew faint, and he bethought as he paid taxes he could get at her through the tax-gatherer and got an explanation which proved to him he had gone the wrong way to work; on a right scent, the Attorney General was soon put in motion, the lawyer had to come down with the penalty, and Ben, instead of getting a Sovereign's reply, got a sovereign reward.

Isle of Ely – Adjourned Sessions

Notice is hereby given that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for Isle of Ely, will be holden by Adjournment, at the Guildhall, in March, in the said Isle, on Tuesday 14th August instant, at 12 o'clock at noon, when the business relating to the Assessment, Application, or Management of the Isle stock or Rate will be done and transacted in Open Court.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk to the Peace
Wisbech, August 6th 1849

August 18 1849

Isle of Ely Sessions, August 16th
Before Rev. G. Peacock, Rev. Dr. Fardell and Wm. Layton, Esq.,

William Evans and Samuel Adams, of Ely St Mary's with stealing apples from an orchard belonging to James Cooper of Ely; ordered to be well flogged.

Irish Outrage

On Wednesday a party of fifteen Irishmen called at the house of Mr. Beart, situate in Wilburton Fen, occupied by Wm. Watts. They asked for a jug of water, and this was provided for them by the girl, but they threw it all over the floor. One of them went into the house and demanded some money or some victuals. The girl said she had nothing to give, and was going out to raise the alarm, but was prevented by one of them threatening to cut her head off with his sickle if she stirred. They then went to the cupboard and took all the provisions and decamped, but were speedily pursued and apprehended by the police.

The Adjourned Sessions at March
Held at the Guildhall March on Tuesday last
President – the Rev. H Fardell, Chairman, the Revs. A. Payton, J. Jackson, Col. Hardy, and W. Layton Esq.
Accounts of the Treasurer for the Ely and South Witchford district, as also those of the Treasurer for the Hundred of Wisbech, and the North part of the Hundred of Witchford, for the passed year were examined and allowed.
County Pauper Lunatic Asylum
The chairman read a declaration from the Town Council of Cambridge, dated 2nd instant, to the Secretary of State signifying the intention of the Council, under certain acts of 9c. 10m. Victoria to take upon themselves the duties and management of the Paupers Lunatic Asylum.
Removal of Bridges
A notice from the Clerk to the Middle Level Drainage Commissioners, which had been given to the Magistrates, was read, in which it was stated that under the powers of their act, they were about to pull down and rebuild four bridges, the property of the Isle, and called upon the Magistrates to appoint a Surveyor to superintend such removal and re-erection in accordance with the provisions of such act.
It was stated that there was no isle Surveyor, and it was not deemed expedient to appoint one for this purpose, the company must therefore replace such bridges as directed by their act of Parliament.
Reports
Visiting Justices
This report dated 4th July after alluding to the case of Charles Chamberlain who had died in prison from the effect of injuries he had received at March Fair, and the fruitless attempt which had been made by certain ill-disposed persons to create a disturbance at his funeral, noticed that the daily cost of the maintenance of the prisoners had been reduced from 4½d to 4d each – that oakum picking was still continued with advantage, and as a means of employment for the prisoners; and at the same time recommending a more profitable employment, which will shortly be put into effect; that at a Petty Sessions held on the 9th of July last, a free pardon was received for Richard Smith under sentence of transportation for 7 years and he had since been discharge on account of the bad state of his health – that the new lock-up at Outwell was near completion – that the House of Correction was in all respects in a satisfactory state, with the exception of the eastern side of the boundary wall, which it was desirable should be put into proper repair, and concluded by recommending a small outlay for this, and also for new gravel for the front of the gaol. Ordered that a sum not exceeding £10 be applied for repair of wall, and £6 for gravel.
Jailors' Report
This showed a statement of the number of prisoners of both sexes each quarter of the present year, the number discharged and those remaining for trial, also the number of summarily convictions and concluded with a list shewing the decrease in number of prisoners. Number of commitments of all classes during quarter ending

January 1849	156
April 1849	137
June 1849	95

Of which 95 prisoners 9 were remanded cases, leaving only 96 for the last quarter.
Surveyors' report

The report of Messrs. Wales and Wallace, surveyors, shewed the healthful state of the prisoners during the quarter, one death only having occurred during the year, that of Charles Chamberlain.
Gratuity of the Gaoler
A gratuity of £15 was ordered to be paid to Mr. Burrows for the admirable attention he has paid during the past year, to the tuition of the prisoners.
Reported Disturbance
Reported Disturbance at the Middle Level Works probability of troops being called out. Letters were sent to the Inspectors at Ely and Whittlesey, troops held in readiness.
Case of Elizabeth Southwell
Case of Elizabeth Southwell a prisoner sentenced to seven years transportation at the last sessions, Court was not aware at the time of passing sentence that a recent Act had abolished transportation, unless the prisoner had been indicted at a previous session Court had communicated with Home Secretary sentence was commuted to 18 months' imprisonment.
A Memorial was presented from Messrs. Lees, Curry, and Stockings, the Ely, Chatteris and Whittlesey inspectors praying for an increase of salary. These officers are in receipt of 25s each per week, and it was suggested that the amount should be gradually increased until it reach 30s beyond which no advance was to be made. 1s per week each year until full sum is obtained was ordered.

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Ely Union – Erection of Contagious Wards
The Guardians of the above Union, will be prepared on Thursday, 30th August instant, at Twelve o'clock, to receive Tenders from persons desirous to contract for the erection of Contagious Wards, at the Union Workhouse, at Ely.
A Plan with Specifications can be seen at the Clerks office.
The Guardians do not pledge themselves to accept the lowest or any of the Tenders.
By Order of the Board
Wm. Marshall, Clerk.

August 25 1849

Ely – Annual Licensing Meeting
At the annual meeting held on Wednesday last, James Dill, landlord of the Cutter Inn, Ely, on applying for his license, was refused, and the same suspended on account of the disorderly state of the Cutter tap; it appeared that the tap is kept by his servant, Robert Cuttriss, formerly landlord of the Bull public house, notorious for the noise and disturbances which used to take place there, until the magistrates refused to renew the license, when he left, and was last year placed by Dill in charge of the Cutter tap, but Dill fearing the magistrates would refuse a renewal of his own license, very shrewdly closed the tap a week or two previous to the licensing day, in 1848, when on obtaining the same, Cuttriss was a few days afterwards installed tap keeper, since then it appears the house has been conducted very badly, on which account the Magistrates determined not to grant the license while Cuttriss remained. John Finch, landlord of the Chequers public house, Ely, was cautioned and informed that his house would be narrowly watched, and if not quietly and respectably conducted, his license would be withdrawn. A few others, although no particular complaint has been made, may as well take the hint, as the magistrates are determined to stop, as far as possible, those disgraceful proceedings at public houses and beer shops.

Eastern Counties Railway
Yarmouth Races
Horticultural Shew etc.
Cheap Train Trip
A Special Train will leave Cambridge and undermentioned Stations on Monday next 27th August as follows

		Fares to Yarmouth and Back				
From	At	1st Class	Covered Car.		Open Car	
Peterborough	11.55					
Whittlesea	12.09	16s	9s	6d	5s	6d
March	12.30					

Wisbeach	12.05					
Cambridge	12.30	14s	8s	6d	5s	0d
Ely	1.15					

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Ely, St Mary

Four Horses, Six Cows, Donkey, Three wagons, Two Carts, an Open Cart Lodge, dairy and Brewing Utensils, and useful Agricultural Implements.

To be Sold by Auction

By C. M. Bidwell

On Friday 14th September, 1849 at One o'clock, on the Premises of Mr. John Evans, West end, Ely, who is retiring from business. The cows are good milkers and very forward in calf. The Horses in excellent condition, and the Implements in good order. Catalogues may be had of C. M. Bidwell, Ely.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1848 (11 & 12 VICT., O 63)

NOTICE

Whereas, in pursuance of the Public Health Act 1848, the General Board of Health have directed William Lee, Esq., one of the Superintending Inspectors appointed for the purposes of the said Act, to visit the City of Ely, in the County of Cambridge, and there to make public enquiry and examine witnesses with respect to the matters following; that is to say,

The Sewerage, Drainage, and Supply of Water

The State of the Burial Grounds

The Number of Sanitary Condition of the Inhabitants

The Local Acts of Parliament (if any) for Paving,

Lighting, Cleansing, Watching, Regulating, Supplying with

Water, or improving, or having relation to the purposes of the said Act.

The natural Drainage Areas

The existing Municipal, Parochial or other Local Boundaries

The Boundaries which may be most advantageously adopted for the purposes of the said Act.

And other matters in respect whereof the General Board of Health is desirous of being informed, for the purpose of enabling them to judge of the propriety of reporting to Her Majesty or making a provisional order with the view to the application of the said Act, or any part thereof, to the said City.

Now, therefore, I, the said William Lee, do hereby give notice, that, on the nineteenth day of September now next at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the Shire Hall, I will proceed upon the said Enquiry, and that I shall then and there be prepared to hear all persons desirous of being heard before me upon the subject of the said Enquiry.

Dated this twenty-eight day of August 1849

William Lee

Marriage on Tuesday 28th ultimo, at Hallsworth, Suffolk, Mr Joseph Simpson, miller, Ely, to Miss Taylor.

Ely – The Harvest

The weather is dull, but upon the whole favourable for harvest operations, which are rapidly going on. Should the fine weather continue for a few days the greater part of the wheat in this neighbourhood will be safely gathered; much of it is blighted and injured by the late frosts.

Sanitary Regulations

W. Lee Esq., the Commissioner has issued a notice of his attendance at the Shire Hall, on 19th September, to enquire into the sanitary condition of the town. Of the necessity of having improved

sewerage and a better supply of water there will not be two opinions; but probably the expense will be a matter of serious consideration, and one upon which there will be a division. The subject has not been forced upon the public, and no expression of opinion has been elicited; but in all probability a meeting will be previously convened to consider the most advisable course to be taken.

September 8 1849

Ely Union Contracts

The Board of Guardians of the above Union give Notice, that they will, at their Weekly Meeting at the Union House, in Ely, on Thursday 13th September instant, receive Tenders for supplying the said Workhouse and the Out-door Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief Districts with the following Articles from the 27th instant inclusive for Thirteen weeks.

Flour and Bread
Beef, Mutton and Suet
For twenty six weeks
Provisions etc, and Clothing
Quantities and Instructions same as noted for previous quarters.

Turnpike Road

Leading from Cambridge to Ely, and from thence to Soham etc. called "The South District".
In pursuance of a Requisition from two of the Trustees of the said Turnpike Road, Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the said Trustees will be holden at the White Hart Inn, in Ely, on Friday 28th September instant at Eleven o'clock on general business.
Dated sixth September 1849
H. R. Evans & Son, Clerks.

Isle of Ely
Valuable Landed Property
Situate at Doddington, Wimblington, Guyhurn, Wisbech St. Mary's, Leverington and Parson Drove
Five superior Farms
And several Closes of Pasture and detached Parcels of Land
In the occupation of Messrs. E. Burton, R. Thompson, R. Wilson, C. Thorpe,
J. Johnson, J. Rumball and others
Will Be Sold by Auction
In the month of October next
Further information from Messrs. Sweeting and Byrne, Solicitors, 22, Southampton Buildings, Chancery Lane, London, or to Messrs. Barley, Wise, and Dawbarn, Solicitors, March, Cambs.

September 15 1849

Incendiarism

On Wednesday morning last, a vagabond giving the name of John William Newitt called at the Police Station, Ely, and enquired for the inspector whom he informed that he left Ely on the previous night, about 11 o'clock, in company with another man; when they got through the Cambridge toll they agreed to have a "flare up"; and when they arrived opposite Mr. H. Lawrence, brick-kiln, his companion watched, whilst he (Newitt) went and set fire to a stack, which they left burning and went on towards Stretham, when they heard two men coming (which were two policemen) they got over a gate until they passed, when they pursued their journey; but he, fearing the police would find him out if he went home, determined to surrender himself up to justice. The fellow was taken before the Rev. J. Ashley, and committed for trial a the next assizes. Fortunately the stack was only straw, and of the value of about £15.

Cholera

On Wednesday morning last, a woman who had returned from Wisbech, where she had been to see some relatives suffering from the cholera, died of that dreadful complaint. Hitherto we have been almost free from the malady. Statements have been made that the health of the inhabitants was never worse; such assertions are very mischievous fear being a great predisposing cause. It is unjustifiable in times like these to create alarm by false statements. During the past year small pox and fever made great havoc, disease and deaths have now become of less frequent occurrence, and a medical gentleman of high standing asserts that the health of the inhabitants has not been so good for a long period. Even the sexton of Ely Trinity says the clergyman has not had a funeral for a week, and, he himself has had only one.

City of Ely
Valuable Property
To Be Sold by Auction by George Legge
At the Lamb Inn, Ely, on Thursday 27th September 1849 under such conditions of sale as shall then be produced.
Lot 1. A Capital Dwelling-House with Yard, Stable, and suitable Offices, situate in St. Mary's Street, in the City of Ely, and late in the occupation of Mr. Josiah Human.
The Property is held under a Lease from the Master and Fellows of Clare Hall, in the University of Cambridge, for 40 years (of which 28 years were unexpired at lady Day, 1849) at an annual rent of £3 payable half-yearly.
Lot 2. A Capital Farm Homestead, also situate in St. Mary's Street, adjoining the White Lion premises, consisting of a Farm House with extensive Yards, double Barn, Stables, and other convenient Agricultural Buildings, now in the occupation of Mr. Henry Lawrence.
The above Property is Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Barton.
Immediate Possession will be given.
Particulars may be had of Messrs. Evans and Son, or of the Auctioneer.

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Ely – Suicide
About seventeen weeks ago a labourer named John Tall, residing in the Newham district, broke out in a fit of drunkenness, which continued without a day's intermission until his death, on Monday last. Tall had borne a good character; he was in constant work, and his wife added, by her exertions, to his weekly earnings of 12s. They had but two sons to maintain, and lived very comfortably, until intoxications overcame Tall's faculties, and he then commenced ill-treating his wife and family, and "making a rate" of all he had for beer. On one occasion at the Highflyers, he sold his waistcoat, neckerchief, and stockings, or rather gave them away, the sum he received being about a tithe of their value. He swore he would sell his breeches and shirt, and go home naked; and he would have taken them off, had he not been prevented by the landlady threatening to send for the police. On Monday last he purchased an ounce and a half of laudanum, at Linton's the chemists, and took it to the Wheat-sheaf and exposed it, but would not let any one touch it. He told two or three tales as to the way he obtained it, and went home about 4 o'clock, and laid upon some straw, and went to sleep. He was awakened by his wife about nine, when he asked her if she had seen a bottle; and on her saying no, pulled is bots off, and went to bed. He fell into a senseless state, and so continued till between 11 and 12 o'clock on Tuesday, when he died. An inquest was held in the evening, at the Wheat-sheaf, before W. Marshall Esq., which was adjourned for the purpose of making a post-mortem examination, till Friday, when it was resumed at the High-flyers.

Mr. Jones, surgeon, reported that it was impossible to make the examination, or to expect to detect the presence of the poison owing to the decomposed state of the body. He had never seen a body so bad, even one that had been dead weeks. This fact was explained by the evidence of one of the witnesses, that the deceased had not within the last three months eaten as much as would make a quarter loaf. A great deal of evidence was taken, the Coroner summed up perspicuously, and the Jury returned a verdict "That the deceased died from the effects of laudanum administered by himself, he being at the time in a sane state of mind", or in effect "Felo de se." The body was interred without funeral rites yesterday evening. The conduct of the chemist in selling such a large

quantity of laudanum to an illiterate and drunken man, is the subject of severe reprehension, but the practice of selling this drug in any quantity appears to be common in Ely.

Grunty Fen Farm
Near Wilburton, Isle of Ely
George Legge
Begs to announce that he has received instructions from the Hon. Lady Pell and Albert Pell, Esq., to Sell by Public Auction, on Wednesday 10th October 1849 the Valuable
Live and Dead Stock
On the above Farm
Comprising 8 Cart Horses, 110 Ewes, 110 Lambs and Capital farming implements.

Inquiry into the Sanitary Condition of Ely
On Wednesday morning last at 10 o'clock, an inquiry into the sanitary condition of the City of Ely, under the Public Health Act, was commenced at the Guildhall, before William Lee, Esq., the Superintending Inspector sent down for that purpose by the General Board of Health. The inquiry created considerable interest, and was attended by the Dean, the Parochial clergy, and many of the most respectable inhabitants of the City.

The Inspector on opening the inquiry expressed the pleasure he felt in seeing so many persons present, some thinking sanitary improvements necessary, and some the reverse; because by discussion misconceptions and prejudices were frequently removed, and men then arrived at the same conclusions. Every body was aware that the Public Health Act was passed in 1848. Ely had complied with a requirement of the Act, by presenting a petition to the General Board of Health, to send down a Superintending Inspector to make a preliminary inquiry. The Inspector went on to explain the provisions of the Act, so far as they relate to the preliminary inquiry, the report of the Superintending Inspector etc., and then said that, prima facie, the case was against the city of Ely, where the mortality was certainly excessive. The Public Health Act passed the House of Commons with no power proposed to be given to the General Board of Health to act except upon petition from not less than one-tenth of the rateable inhabitants of any place. It was a very eminent prelate who proposed, that as the Mortality of England and Wales, including the Metropolis and all the large manufacturing towns of the North did not exceed 20 in 1,000 annually, upon an average of seven years in every place where the mortality exceeded 23 in 1,000 upon an average of seven years, the General Board of Health should institute a preliminary inquiry, without a petition from the inhabitants.

The clause met with the approval of both Lords and Commons, for it was a clause which recommended itself to the approval of every right thinking mind. In many parts of this country the mortality was not more than 17 in 1,000; in some parts indeed, it did not exceed 16 in 1,000, so that it was clear that there must be a great excess of sickness and mortality where 23 deaths in 1,000 occurred per year. Unfortunately it appeared that in the neighbourhood of Ely the deaths were 27 in 1,000 or thereabouts.

Therefore the Board of Health might have sent down a Superintending Inspector without any petition at all. They had been so much pressed with petitions, however, that all the places that had petitioned last year, had not yet been visited. The difference caused by the presentation of a petition from Ely was, that the inspection had occurred earlier than it would have done. He had got some statistics of great importance; amongst them was a table of mortality for the County of Cambridge, prepared from returns made to the Register General. Similar tables were prepared for other counties; and it was a surprising and awful fact, that in some parts of the same county all persons born into the world died in half the time that they did in other parts. It also appeared that, wherever persons were most densely crowded, there life was shortest. With respect to the county of Cambridge, it appeared that in Linton and Newmarket Unions, the number of deaths per annum was 1 in 47, in

Ely Union it was 1 in 40. There was another remarkable circumstance to which attention had not been directed for more than three or four years. Wherever mortality was great; there also the births were great: there seemed to be an increased number of births to make up for the loss. In fact, as more than right number died, so more than the right number were born. They were born to perish apparently, not by any laws of nature, as they were called, because wherever there was a great number of persons crowded together, there was an excessive amount of mortality prevailed. In Linton and Newmarket Unions the proportion of births was 1 in 30, in Ely it was 1 in 27. In the former unions, the proportion of deaths of infants under one year of age was 1 in 8; in Ely it was 1 in 5. The number of deaths from epidemic diseases was 1 in 227 in Linton and Newmarket Unions, in Ely it was 1 in 199: this was a class of diseases now concluded by the most enlightened medical men to be unnecessary and removeable. The average age reached by persons in the Linton and Newmarket Unions was 28 years and 1 month; in Ely, it was only 24 years. With respect to the deaths of young persons, the difference was just as remarkable. The proportions were as follows:-

	Linton and Newmarket	Ely
Under 1 year	20 per cent	31.4 per cent
Under 5 years	38 per cent	49.7 per cent
Under 15 years	48.5 per cent	56.9 per cent
Under 20 years	51.2 per cent	59.7 per cent

Now, there were causes for all this, and the object of the present inquiry was to ascertain what those causes were, and whether they could be removed or not. After reading such figures as the above, about the accuracy of which there could be no dispute, he was sure he should receive every possible assistance from the inhabitants of Ely during the inquiry. The figures shewed an excessive mortality at Ely, as compared with other parts of the county. But he must remark that Cambridgeshire altogether was an unhealthy county, as compared with some other counties. Even in Newmarket, which contrasted with Ely so unfavourably to the latter town, there was a considerable excess above the average mortality of England. He had said that the deaths in Newmarket were 1 in 47, while in Ely they were 1 in 40; but in a place which he should have to visit in the course of next week, they were only in the proportion of 1 in 66. With regard to the mode of conducting the inquiry, he had got a document from the Clerk of the Board of Guardians, showing the localities in which epidemic, endemic, and contagious disease prevailed: this was an important document for him to have in the commencement, and he should be glad to take down the names of any other places to which gentlemen might direct his attention. Possibly there might be questions put to him in the course of the inquiry, to which he could not discreetly give a reply: if so, he trusted they would bear with him. He proposed to make an inspection of the City, and he should be glad if a few of the gentlemen present, including at least one of the medical officers of the Union, would accompany him. After that he should proceed to take such evidence as might be offered. It was not necessary to make any further preliminary remarks; nor did he think it would be wise to volunteer any statement as to what might possibly be the measures which he should recommend, as likely to conduce to the health of the inhabitants of the city.

Mr. Pashler, plumber, High Street, wished the drainage on his premises to be inspected.

Mr Jeremiah Giscard wished his premises, on the Cambridge road to be inspected.

Mr. Harlock, brewer, complained of imperfect drainage and the want of a common sewer.

Certain cottages on Back-hill were complained of.

Mr Cole, one of the Medical officers of the Union, handed to the Inspector a document which he had prepared, showing the absolute and relative mortality in various districts of the city.

Mr J. Bacon handed to the Inspector a list of drained and undrained places, and in addition called attention to the imperfect drainage of Waterloo-place, and Simm's cottages, in Church Lane.

Mr Gregory Benstead, ironmonger, High Street, complained of the drainage upon his premises.

Mr. Charles Rushby, of St. Mary's Street, complained he had no drainage at all.

Mr. W. Ellis called attention to the same fact as Mr. Pashley had done.

The state of the burial ground of the parish of Holy Trinity was mentioned by the incumbent, as requiring inspection, and the Inspector observed that he had received a letter from the Bishop upon the same subject.

Mr. H. T. Pate complained of the state of a drain running out of Chequers-lane, from property belonging to Messrs. Foster.

Mr S. Sturton called attention to the state of the back premises on Fore-hill. The gardens, he said, formed a series of terraces, and the privies in one garden were so constructed that there was soakage into the gardens below.
Mr. John Hills, wine-merchant, Minster place, complained of imperfect drainage upon his premises.
Mr. Macrow, High Street, complained that he had no drainage.
It was remarked that this was for want of common sewers.
The Inspector- which the surveyors have no power to make.
Mr. Wm. Harlock, jun., thought that the Surveyors had such power under the Highway Act, but subsequently acknowledged his error, after an explanation upon the subject by the Inspector. Mr Harlock also observed that the complaint of Mr Sturton, with regard to Fore-hill, did not go far enough.
The privies all the way from Mr. Robinson's to Mr. Worsters' were in an indescribable state; and during his year of office, as surveyor, the contents even flowed out upon the highway.
The Inspector said, judging from what little he had yet seen, that there were few towns in the kingdom better situated for efficient and economical sanitary works than Ely. He had no doubt that what was necessary might be accomplished at the least possible expense.
Mr Harlock, Jun., complained of the refuse from the gas-works running to the river. The fish were turned up, and people dipping pails had them discoloured.
Mr Bacon said that proceeded from a cask of gas-tar which was broken in getting it out of a truck.
Mr C. Morris, High Street, called attention to a nuisance at the back of his premises.
Mr. C. M. Bidwell remarked that at present in St Mary's Street, the principal street, there was no common sewer.
Mr. C. Crawly complained of defective drainage in High Street.
Mr. G Legge hoped that whatever should be done in High street, regard would be had to the supply of water. The wells were only ten feet deep, and if drains were made lower than that the supply would be cut off.
The Inspector said, he trusted there would be a better mode of getting water, at less cost. He also inquired if there was any inspector of nuisances, under the Nuisances Removal Act.
Mr Marshall replied that there was none co nomine; but the medical officers of the Union had been requested to act as such.
Some conversation ensued upon the subject of burial grounds: and in the course of it, it was stated by Mr. Marshall, that, during the last twenty years the average annual number of burials in Trinity church-yard had been 108¼; during the last six years it had been 126; and last year it was 144, being two more than in the cholera year of 1832.
The area of the church yard was stated to be about an acre, and it has long been offensively crowded.
The Inspector now adjourned the Court, until ten o'clock next morning, and started at one o'clock upon an inspection of the city.
He was accompanied by the Dean; the Rev. W. K. Clay; Messrs. W. Harlock, sen., and jun., H. R. Evans, Marshall, Jones, Cole, Bidwell, Bacon, Pate, Pashler, Saunders and Smith.
Mr Crawley's drainage was stagnant; it had to go under the house floor: after a few days the stench was very bad. The privy is in the cellar, with a cesspool for night-soil, emptied once a year costs 10s emptying. Has a hard-water pump and soft-water cistern.
Henry Austin's drainage very bad, all runs into the privy cesspool. No trap. Emptied last winter; cost 5s, and the soil had not been opened for 18 years: no drain from it – it soaks into the earth.
No drainage from High Street; no means to get rid of any refuse: many of the pumps are near the cess-pool.
Mr. Macrow's yard below cesspool: no pump or cistern.
The Churchyard contains about 1 acre 12 poles: the average number of interments for 9 years was 112: the scenes witnessed are quite shocking. The north side of the Cathedral was drained about 7 years ago, about 6 feet below surface ground; dry since. Bones on recent grave. Sexton rarely opens a grave without finding bones; has had explosions of gas, and on one occasion was made sick: often found 5 or 6 skulls in one grave.
Mr. W. Pashler – a cesspool 6 feet cube under the out kitchen: all the refuse water from four pumps and sink-stones go into it. No drainage: a hole about 2 feet deep takes the drainage of the house:

occasionally takes the black soil out. Privy with covered vault not been emptied for 4 years: another for the men at the bottom of the yard.
The sewerage at the back in Gaol Street about 12 inches below the road. A very foul cesspool, with a grate, in the adjoining yard. Everything above ground as clean as possible.
Mr. Cross's premises said to be up to the ankles in heavy rain. Cesspool in yard: privy covered with fruitful vine: most offensive smells from privy, cesspool, and piggeries: 14 pigs; abominable smell and black flies.
Mr. Benstead – a water-closet under kitchen, in which there is a fire, and all the cooking: uses chloride of lime regularly. Has had the vault cleaned out twice in 4 years; it was done during the night, there are no night carts or system of public scavenging. The whole of the kitchen floor is taken up when emptied in tubs which two men carry on slings: the fluid of course runs down the street from the long manure, into a bed of which it is put; taken away in common carts, out of which it is spilled all along the streets. There is a hard water pump within six feet: costs about £2 emptying. Lost a child from fever a short time since.
Bull Lane – The drain goes under Mrs Hills house floor; her health is not good. Mr. Muriel told her her health was affected by the ditch: he has attended her more there then ever he did before. When the ditch is dry, the hard water pump is dry: it is a sock well. Rent £6 house, a low room and chamber, for self, sister and six children, eldest boy 16 years old: within 17 feet of an open offensive ditch.
Broad Street – no sewerage to upper end. Mr Rickwood has 4 cottages, £6 rent, 2 low rooms and 2 chambers. The water is so bad that the pump cannot be used: the tenants beg and fetch from the conduit: the well is in the sock, and the soil of this part of the town is made lower, and a sewer has been made 7 feet deep, which has dried many of the wells on the lower part of the street.
Back Hill – Mr. Waddington's eight cottages have privies and four cess-pools reported by medical officer in December, 1848 and July 1849. A case of purging and vomiting occurred 28th July last, in this locality: horrible open cess-pools evaporating surface 5ft 6in by 6 ft. Mrs Gypson, one of the tenants, said they smell "wonderfully bad." Mr Cole often attends her, and told her she was weak, and has all the symptoms of a low fever. Mrs. Ashley, another tenant, said the place was very unhealthy: none of her family has been well since they lived there 6 months; they lose their appetites entirely, and have all got into a low way: has 4 children; they don't look well: no water; have to go to the conduit. Similar nuisances and places were found in Newnham, Little London, Cowlane, Chapel Street. Field-side, Bugshill, Walpole-lane etc.
The Commissioner frequently expressed his admiration of the clean internal appearance of the houses; and was surprised that they were so effectually cleansed, whilst surrounded by so many opposing circumstances.
The inspection occupied until near 6 o'clock on Thursday evening.
On Thursday evening a sitting was holden at the Town Hall, for the reception of the evidence. The attendance was very thin, and the Inspector said he did not expect to see a large number of persons, as the meeting was not generally known. The first evidence taken was that of Mr Cole, one of the Medical Officers of the Ely Union from its formation, and previously surgeon to the parish of St. Mary. The returns sent in by Mr. Cole in 1839 to the Poor Law Commissioners, with regard to the health of the districts under his care, and the prevalence of specific diseases among them, were here put into his hand by the Inspector. Having revised them he identified them, and stated that generally speaking no improvement had taken place up to the present time. Little-potters'-lane, Newnham, West-end, Cambridge road, Buggs Hill, Walpole Lane, portions of Back Hill and Bull Lane, with others, were in as bad a condition now as then. Any prevalent epidemic would prevale in those places.
Mr Muriel, being referred to as to fevers of a typhoid character, said he did not see that they were confined to the localities Mr. Cole had mentioned.
Mr Cole continued for some time longer, and his evidence was to the effect that diseases were engendered or aggravated in the localities he had mentioned by the absence of sanitary regulations. As registrar of deaths for the Ely Union district, Mr. Cole proceeded to give the following as the rates of mortality, being the results of his experience.
The tables, he said, were made up with the able assistance, of Mr. Marshall. In drawing a comparison between the absolute mortality of Ely as a whole (on an average of the last eight years)

and all that of England at per thousand of the population, the deaths were for all England 22, for Ely 26 1/10th.
In that calculation allowance had been made for the increase of the population at the rate of one and a half per cent per annum. Mr. Cole proceeded to divide the number of deaths among the different districts, the deaths in the town being 29 per 1000, and in the fens 21½. This calculation was next sub-divided into sub districts, and a return of them handed in.
The Inspector complimented Mr. Cole on the value of the document put in, which he said must have occasioned both him and Mr Marshall a great deal of trouble.
Mr Cole said it had, and the Inspector said he hoped he would find his reward in the improvement of the health of the inhabitants of the city of Ely.
Mr Cole proceeded to say that Mr. Chadwick's table of mortality gave as the average of preventable deaths per 1,000 for All England 14, for Cambridgeshire 12, and for Ely 15. In certain places in Ely, called, "seats of disease," the average absolute mortality was 34½ per 1,000. The minimum was in the High Main Street district comprising the principal thoroughfares of the town, where it was 23½.
Mr Marshall being called on by the Inspector, stated that he is coroner for the Isle and Clerk to the Union, which includes the office of superintendent Registrar. Mr Cole furnished witness with the data for the calculations just given, and witness framed them into a diagram and struck the averages.
Mr. Marshall proceeded to confirm the correctness of the calculations which had been tested in various ways. Witness took the precaution to make allowance for the increase of population, and the deaths in the Union Workhouse. Mr. Marshall went at length into the minute and elucidative details which furnished the above results. Stuntney and Chettisham were included in the gross mortality, but not in the above calculations with regard to local disease. The mean population of the several districts from 1841 – 1849, was 6, 879. According to the census of 1841, the actual population was 6,659. The highest rate of mortality was in Little London, where it was 45 per 1,000, in High street it was only 17. In answer to the Inspector, Mr Marshall said that he had not entered into any calculations on the subject, but he had no doubt that the excess of sickness and mortality had created an equivalent excess in the poor-rates.
Enquiries were made by the Inspector as to the existence of medical and burial clubs, Hospital, Infirmary or medical charity etc. He was told that there were several of the first named existent, but none of the latter, with the exception of an Infirmary in connection with the Workhouse.
Mr Marshall undertook to procure for the Inspector classified returns of the number of rateable houses in the two parishes.
It further appeared that in Ely Trinity, only one-half the houses are assessed to the rates, and in St Mary the proportion is nearly the same, the others pay no rates. The average wages of labour is about 13s a week.
Mr. Jones, surgeon, and one of the medical officers of the Union, confirmed the evidence of Mr Cole in its main features.
Some inquiries were made with regard to the number of benefit societies, the number of their members, their contributions and allowances, period of establishment, etc. the information afforded was very meagre, and it was agreed to supply the details on Friday.
Mr Muriel, house-surgeon to the Union, being called, stated that since the prevalence of the cholera in 1832 until the small pox broke out about two years ago, the town had been remarkably free from epidemic diseases. Since that time however, intermittent fevers and agues had been prevalent. The sum of Mr. Muriel's evidence was however, that he thought the district of the Ely Union as healthy as others round about.
The inquiry was then adjourned to Friday morning, the Commissioner going on a visit the lodging house, no notice of which had been given, in order that they might be seen in their true colours.

Friday

The Commissioner sat yesterday morning at ten, and the proceedings were commenced with the receipt of various tabular and statistical returns.
Mr Marshall was recalled, and examined as to the sanitary condition of the Workhouse, the supply of soft and hard water, the source from which the latter is obtained and its character. He described them both as very good. The drainage was next described and this appeared to be very incomplete,

but we have no space to record the particulars. The statistics of sickness and mortality, and some connected with geology were next gone into.
The extent and nature of the recreation grounds was next inquired into, and information as to them taken from several parties. The public buildings were enumerated; the number of fires and the habits of the people with regard to insurance and the rates thereof; also the provisions in men, engines, and supply of water, to subdue conflagrations were next entered into.
The provisions for watching and lighting, and the powers taken under the Act of 1835, for those purposes were detailed, and it appeared had only been put in force as regards the lighting, the watching being done by the Isle of Ely police.
It was stated that there was no local Act in force having any relation to the purposes of the Public Health Act.
Mr. Marshall stated, in his capacity of Coroner, that the use of narcotics, as laudanum, Godfreys' cordial etc., is very considerable in the district, being administered principally to infants: opium is also consumed by the adult classes. Number of cases are within witnesses' experience, where, if children have not been killed, their deaths have been accelerated by the use of opiates, etc. Witness gave various details from his experience as coroner, in corroboration of his statement. Was told on Wednesday by Mr. Sturton, with regard to the excessive mortality of infants, and the observations the Inspector had made thereon, that if that was to be reduced, drains would have to be laid to the chemists' shops to drain off the Godfrey's cordial and laudanum.
The Inspector said that his experience taught him that this habit was indulged in in all districts where there was any depression produced by ague, low and intermittent fevers, or malaria, in order to keep up the spirits of the parties taking it, and that it was in some degree attributable to the unhealthy character of the district. He had found also that were indulgence in the use of narcotics prevailed, dram drinking was in disuse. Was that within Mr. Marshalls' experience?
Mr. Marshall said the consumption of spirits in the neighbourhood was very limited, and there are only two shops in Ely where they are retailed. Beer is the general beverage.
The Rev. Solomon Smith was called, and examined generally as to the moral and social condition of the poor, and also with regard to the constitution and objects of Parson's charity. Mr Smith described the accommodation in the poorer class of houses as very bad, all ages and sexes sleeping indiscriminately in the same room. The drainage and supply of water to these houses were very bad, and muck heaps were allowed to accumulate in close proximity to the houses; much demoralization was the result of all this. Mr Smith described the accommodation afforded by the grave-yard of St. Mary's for interments, and stated that a very objectionable system prevailed of digging shallow graves, by reason of the paucity of the sexton's fees. It was the general practice to dig new graves 3 to 4 feet deep only. It appeared, however, that at certain seasons of the year, when the springs are high, a grave 5 feet deep in St. Mary's Churchyard would contain enough water to float a coffin.
Mr Smith pointed out that the mortality amongst infants described by Mr. Marshall was not be to ascribed to a desire on the part of the mothers to destroy them, but resulted from a necessity of being rid of the inconvenience of tending them for a season; he thought that the establishment of infant school was the best remedy for this. He was not aware that the mortality of Ely was excessive.
The Inspector upon this repeated some statistics which will be found in his opening address.
Mr Bacon put in a return with regard to the supply etc., of gas. The Inspector said the return contained everything he desired to know, and proceeded to examine Mr. Bacon as to the sewerage of the city, its length, modes of construction, and expense. At the conclusion of Mr Bacon evidence the Inspector adjourned to five o'clock. The inquiry was on the verge of conclusion, but we shall supply particulars of the evening sitting, etc. next week.

September 29 1849

Isle of Ely

Notice is hereby given, that Wm. Cooper, Esq., Barrister appointed to Revise the Lists of Voters in the Election of Knights of the Shire for the County, has appointed Courts to be held for the Revision of such Lists.
At the Sessions House in the City of Ely on Thursday 4th October next, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for revising the said Lists for Downham; St Mary in Ely; the Holy Trinity in Ely; Littleport; in the Hundred of Ely.

Coveneny; Haddenham; Mepal; Stretham; Sutton; Thetford; Wentworth; Wilburton; Witcham; Witchford; in the South part of the Hundred of Witchford.
Chatteris; Manea; Welches Dam; in the north part of the Hundred of Witchford.
And for all other Parishes, Hamlets, or Places, in the said isle (if any) not hereinfore enumerated.

Burnt Fen First District
Notice is hereby given, that a General Half-Yearly Meeting of the Commissioners acting in execution of the Acts of Parliament now in force for the Drainage of the above District, will be holden at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Thursday, 4th October next at twelve o'clock at noon.
Dated 12th September, 1849
T. & G. Archer
Clerks to the Commissioners.

Ely – Accident
On Wednesday last, Cox, who works the Burnt Fen water-mill, after some repairs had been done and the mill started, was struck on the head by one of the sails, and killed instantly.

Poor's Land
On Monday last the Governors of Parson's Charity allotted upwards of a hundred more small pieces of land in West Fen, near half an acre each, to poor persons applying for the same, at an annual rent of five shillings each. This makes upwards of 400 poor persons who now enjoy this privilege, and are more benefitted by the allotment system than by donations in Money.

The Sanitary Inquiry at Ely.
In our last weeks' Chronicle we brought our report of the proceedings in the above matter up to Friday evening, when the Inspector, W. Lee, Esq., proceeded with the inquiry.

Mr. W. Pashler, furnished him with the cost of buckets, pumps, cisterns, etc., and other particulars as to the supply and expense of water, which appeared at the present time to be expensive and of a bad quality.
The Inspector observed that pure water might be supplied to the poor from land near the first mile-stone on the Witchford Road, at the cost of less than 1½d, probably 1d per house per week, and also made available for putting out fires without the assistance of fire-engines, merely by fixing hose where fire-plugs would be placed, the water always being kept under sufficient pressure to put out any fire that might occur in any part of the town, and that all the streets might by the same means be watered by one man in about two hours, dispensing with the expensive mode of doing the same by water-carts, men and horses.
Mr. C. M. Bidwell, surveyor and land agent, supplied information as to the levels (the spot where the water is to be brought from being 24,07 feet above the base of the west end of the Cathedral); as to the state of drainage of the high lands in Ely the cost of drainage, the manures used, and the expense of same.
The Inspector informed those present that advantage might be taken of the Health of Towns Bill by parties having a limited interest in land requiring drainage, and the expense spread over a period of 30 years; and also intimated that the quantity of soil, etc, would be carried by the sewers to the localities where required for use, and estimated the value, from his knowledge of what it realised in other places, where its qualities had been tested, at £1 per head, which would more than pay the highway, lighting, and all other rates and parochial charges.
Mr. Wm. Harlock, jun., furnished the amount of sums collected and expended for the highways of Ely Trinity and Stuntney; Mr Saunders and Mr Fisher, for Ely St Mary's and Chettisham; and a conversation ensued as to keeping Stuntney and Chettisham from the operation of the Act, but the Inspector saw no difficulty in including them, and still giving them the power over their own highways.

The Inspector then thanked the various parties for the assistance and information afforded him; and assured them that any opposition to the adoption of the Act, would be futile, and result only in increasing the expenses, which would fall upon the charge bearers.

The Sanitary Inquiry at Ely (Letter)

Sir

I have not been so surprised for a long time as I was today, at finding my name inserted in your paper of last Saturday's date, with a long tirade of silly trash appending to it, purporting to be evidence given by me on the subject of the sanitary condition of Ely.

I should be sorry to think that a trick has been played, for the purpose of getting up a case, and fathering upon me a particular class of question and enquiries, which (as I declared to the Inspector) I had nothing to do with, and would have nothing to do with as a Clergyman; and I utterly deny that the rubbishy testimony given under my name in your report of the meeting at Ely was either offered or furnished by me.

I feel sure that the error of making me to appear as an active promoter of this movement, and thereby placing me in a false position, was wholly unintentional on the part of your reporter; and therefore I am equally ready to trust to your sense and justice, towards your readers as well as towards myself to allow this letter to appear in your next publication.

I am, Sir, your obedient Servant

S. Smith

Ely 25 September 1849

(If Mr Smith thinks the above letter will set him right with the public he is quite welcome to the space which it occupies in our columns, although, as a matter of taste, we think it might as well have been written in a more becoming style. We have referred to our reporter, who assures us that he gave a fair summary of Mr. Smiths' evidence, which we take the liberty of reprinting, in order that it may be known what are Mr Smith's ideas of "a long tirade of "silly trash" and "rubbishy testimony".

Mr Smith's evidence will be found on page 111 and 112 of notes.

The Sale of Laudanum etc

Sir, Allow me a brief space to comment on the report of the inquest held over the body of John Tall, given in your paper of last Saturday. It concludes by stating that "the conduct of the chemist in selling such a large quantity of laudanum to a drunken man is the subject of severe reprehension." If this be true, any amount of censure would not be too severe. I am anxious that your readers should know that it is not true; that they may be disabused of the impression that a "large quantity" of laudanum may be obtained by a drunken man, notwithstanding it is sold in this district with as little reluctance as almost any article of trade. Although the poor fellow had indulged in a debauch of some nineteen weeks run, he was sober on the morning of the day he is supposed to have swallowed the laudanum.

I stated at the inquest that there was no appearance of inebriety about him at the time I served him with it; and your own report admits that **after** he had purchased it, he was shrewd enough "to tell two or three tales as to the way he obtained it." I submit, then, that I am not open to "severe reprehension" on the plea of selling laudanum to a "drunken" man. As to the deceased being illiterate, and therefore a proper person to be denied the purchase of laudanum, it is well known by those who have resided in the fens of Lincolnshire and Cambridgeshire that in these localities the poor and the unlettered are the very class of people who can give the best practical testimony to its cordial and tranquillizing effects, albeit, they are strangers to the "Confessions of an Opium Eater", and literature of the like stamp. Laudanum is no mysterious compound in the hands of the fenman. If from the evidence adduced it had appeared to the jury that I had laid myself open to "severe reprehension," undoubtedly they would have administered it efficiently. I was not aware that such an impression was afloat until I saw it at anchor in your journal.

The easy purchase of poisons in this country is without doubt, a great evil. With reference to the sale of arsenic, it may be as well to state that my practice is to register the name of the purchaser and witness, and I believe my brother chemists adopt the same precaution. It is to be hoped that ere long some laws will be in force touching the traffic in poisons; and he who should frame a code less restrictive than that in operation in France, but acting at the same time as a safeguard to the public, would do his country no little service.
I am, sir, yours, respectfully,
Napier Lincolne
Ely, September 25th

October 6 1849

Isle of Ely

Notice is hereby given that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, for the Isle of Ely, will be holden at the Sessions House, in Ely, on Wednesday 17th October instant, at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, at which hour the chair will be taken, and all Jurors, Constables, and persons bound by recognizance, are required to give their attendance accordingly.

Public Health Act – Ely

Sir, there is nothing so productive of diversities of opinion on any subject as imperfect knowledge, and on the other hand there is nothing which contributes so much to remove those differences as more perfect information.

In other words knowledge and light, ignorance and darkness, are convertible terms, and in whatever proportion light is abundant or deficient, will intelligence or conclusion by found to prevail.

The same thing is true as well in physics as in morals. The natural eye in the absence of light cannot distinguish between friend and foe; nor can the minds' eye, without some familiar acquaintance with such a measure as the Public Health Act, discern the difference between a useful reform and a mischievous innovation.

The inhabitants of this city, are, I believe generally favourable to the introduction of the Public Health Act; but neither its advocates nor its opponents are so well acquainted with its provisions as they ought to be. I propose, therefore, as briefly as I can, to remove some portion of the ignorance and misconception that prevails amongst them respecting it, believing fully that nothing will more assist in confirming it in the good opinion of its friends, or in rescuing it from the hostility of its enemies.

Beginning then, with the objects of the Act; they are two-fold. The first is "to make further and more effectual provision for improving the sanitary conditions of Towns and populous places in England and Wales;" and I cannot suppose any one will be bold enough to assert, after the proved insalubrity of this city, not, be it remembered, grounded on the observations of any one year; but exhibited through eight consecutive years, that some "further and more effectual provision for improving the sanitary" of Ely is not absolutely necessary.

The other is, "that the supply of water to such towns and places, and the sewerage, drainage, cleansing and paving thereof, should as far as practicable be placed under one and the same local management and control."
(LOCAL MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL – Mark this!)
Now, it is a somewhat singular circumstance that Ely is probably the only city in England which has not some municipal government of its own; and it must be in the memory of many of your Ely readers that, at the time the Corn Exchange and Cattle Market were established, the desirableness of a Local Act for this city, was discussed and admitted.

No one, I imagine, will deny that a local Act in Ely, would have been a good thing, while the recent examples of our neighbours of St. Ives and Whittlesey in this respect are illustrations that such

things are needful in towns of a certain population – certain it is that if the citizens of Ely had possessed the public spirit of either of those towns they would have long since taken away their reproach by an application to Parliament.

Probably the cost of obtaining the Act has been a chief impediment, and Ely, the metropolis of the Isle, the See of a Bishop, and the site of a Cathedral, might have lain asleep for another quarter of a century before her citizens could so much as legally lay down for the first time a public sewer in her principal thoroughfare. But the legislature had ordered it otherwise by passing an Act of general application, and Ely is now likely to possess all the practical advantages of a Local Act, without the pains and expense of obtaining one.

The thief at Tyburn, because he would not wait for his ale, was unluckily hanged before the reprieve arrived; Ely, with fabian policy, acted up to the motto, "Festina lente", has been more fortunate.

Probably some of your Ely readers may be disposed to question my assertion that the Public Health Act will be equivalent to a Local Act, but if they will take the trouble to follow me a little further I think I shall be able to establish my position.

The primary object of a Local Act is to institute some local board of Management, (call it a town council, select vestry, highway board, witenagement or mychel-synoth, or what you will), and to enable that board to pave scour, cleanse, light, and generally to improve the town or place they represent.

Now all this and more the Public Health Act enables the local board, appointed under its provision, to accomplish.

Under a Local Act, for instance, power would be taken to make public sewers in the public streets, (N. B. there is no such power vested in the highway surveyor, or other public officer in Ely now).

The Public Health Act vests all such sewers in the local board of health, who are authorised to repair, alter, and close up the same, or to make new ones.

Under a local act, we should probably find some provision made for cleansing and watering the streets. The Public Health Act does the same, and authorises the local board of health to make by-laws for the removal of filth, and to regulate the time (a most necessary authority in Ely) when such offensive operations are to be conducted.

A Local Act might possibly give power to fill up open ditches and ponds, (witness St Mary's pond, and the difficulty lately experienced in dealing with that long standing nuisance. The Public Health Act makes provisions for the draining, cleansing and filling up of all such places.

A Local Act would doubtless include a power for paving the streets and footways. It is doubtful to what extent the present highway surveyor possesses any such power. The Public Health Act vests all present and future streets in the local board of health and enables them to pave the same, and also to call upon the owners of private streets, (hear it Tanered, Hauteville, Palermitan, Bohemond, and Bernard!) to sewer, level and pave them.

A Local Act would also be expected to contain some enactment for the regulation of new streets. The Public Health Act provides (mark this, present and future Guiscards!) that before laying out any new street, notice is to be given to the local board, who will have the power to determine the width of such new street.

A Local Act would assuredly enable the local authorities to widen and improve streets. The Public Health Act enables the local board of health to purchase buildings for that purpose.

It would be tedious to enter into a further comparison, but I have not enumerated half the useful powers and advantages which the Public Health Act would confer on a locality. The prohibition of offensive trades, the seizure of unwholesome meat, the regulation of slaughter-houses, the prevention of keeping swine near habitations, the purification of filthy houses, are a few of the wholesome powers included in its provisions.

Again, should the necessities of the town require it, the local board of health can provide places of recreation for the inhabitants; and they may also, if they think proper, provide a supply of pure water to the town, and may require the same tot be laid on in houses, provided the cost does not exceed two pence per week per house. (Let the economists note this).

They may also provided public cisterns, (are they not wanted in St Mary's Parish, now that the ponds are all removed?) wells, conduits, baths, and wash-houses: and by the amended Act they can now take under their control the lighting of the streets and public places of the town.

I have now shown, I fear at the expense of your readers' patience, that the introduction of the Public Health Act, into Ely is equivalent to a Local Act.

One more word as to the expense. It is obvious that if a Local Act had been obtained, it could not have been worked without a machinery for the purpose, and I have yet to discover how, under the Public Health Act, the expenses should be greater than they would have been under a Local Act.

At any rate, it must be satisfactory to know that by virtue of the Public Health Act no person is to be taxed unless he is benefitted, for the Act expressly declares that whenever any expenses are incurred by the local board of health in executing works of a permanent nature, for the benefit of any district, or part of a district, the same shall be levied upon such district, or part of a district, (as the case may be) and not upon the town at large.
With a humble apology for the space I occupy
I am, Sir, yours obediently
A Citizen
Ely October 3rd 1849

The Sale of Laudanum
Sir – Mr Lincolne's assertion that chemists sell laudanum "with as little reluctance as almost any article of trade" is totally incorrect as far as I am concerned.

And I must beg him for the future not to carry out the old proverb as far as "to measure other people's corn with his own bushel"
Yours
Samuel Sturton
Ely, September 29 1849

October 13 1849

Death at Ely. On Monday last, much respected, Mr. William Ellis, aged 23 years, late butler to the Rev. Dr. Archdall, master of Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

The Sale of Laudanum
Sir, - I feel obliged by your courtesy in so promptly giving publicity to my letter of the 25th ultimo. I solicit one more intrusion upon your columns, not so much to rebut the little fling that has been aimed at me, as to impress upon the minds of your general readers that the sale and consumption of opium and laudanum is much greater than perhaps many of them have any idea. The legality of this traffic is undisputed; the moral of the question is interesting but involves more than can be condensed in a single letter. Let me remark, however, that the public have no more right to demand

the exercise of moral power on the part of the druggists to check the purchase of opium, than they have to claim the same power on the part of the spirit dealer, who sells his drams for the self same purpose they sell theirs. Both are pernicious and demoralising; the difference is not one of kind, but degree. Both victims have an open market, although no druggist, compos mentis, would sell laudanum to a "drunken man" or love sick lass. The unnatural consumption of spirits and narcotics is, in my humble opinion, a social evil which legislation cannot remedy by intermeddling with; nor does it lie within the power of the vendors of such articles to set a limit to their sale, for if there is a demand there will be a supply; it is an evil which, like many others, can only be combated by the advance of people in intelligence and morals; and, maybe, a series of generations will still have to pass away before the multitude will be brought practically to believe that it is one which depraves and enervates them physically, intellectually, and morally. Mr Sturton has chosen to take exception to my remark that laudanum is sold with as little reluctance as almost any article of trade. By virtue of his birthright as an Englishman he is allowed "to grumble", and he well knows that in that spirit he rushed into print last week. Had his experience taught him the well-known fact that a free-masonry exists between the druggists and laudanum-takers by means of which they can be served upon the "silent system", he would not have attempted to foist upon the public the belief that he alone parts with his laudanum with great reluctance.

The druggist watches the opium market with more anxiety than any other, it being an article of unrestricted and constant sale, and valuable in point of cost beyond the majority of his other drugs. In those districts where the use of spirits has been abjured, the craving for stimulants has been allayed by opium; and down in the manufacturing districts traysfull of opium pills, are prepared, and purchased by the artisans, who roll them as sweet morsels under their tongues. Enough this, I think to bear me out in my remark.

Mr Sturton favours me with a very homely proverb: it will do him good if in his leisure hours he will ponder over this one.
"Envy cannot see; ignorance cannot judge."
I remain, Sir, yours respectfully
Napier Lincolne
Ely, October 10th 1849

Public Health Act
Sir, In my letter, which you did me the favour to insert in your last weeks' number, I started by remarking that the best way of disarming opposition to a good measure was to throw as much light upon it as possible, and from what I have since heard, I am induced to believe that the information therein communicated has already to some extent produced the desired effect.

Taking it then for granted that your Ely readers are no longer in the dark as to what kind of a measure the Public Health Act is, I do not suppose any one will not be able to persuade them that the application of it to this city would not be attended with an improvement (God knows there is room for it) in the sanitary conditions of the inhabitants. Is not this a state of things to be devoutly coveted? More than this, is not health a blessing to be earnestly contented for?

But, in order rightly to estimate the value of the prize which invites the best exertions of the sanitary reformer, it is, first of all, indispensably requisite we should clearly understand our present sanitary condition.

Now I can hardly believe the inhabitants are aware that the average mortality of Ely exceeds that of the adjacent town of Cambridge, of the populous manufacturing city of Norwich, the old-fashioned, narrow-streeted cathedral city of York, the vast metropolis itself, with its densely congregated masses of squalid, dissolute, and diseased humanity.

Higher even than at Leeds and Sunderland, it is scarcely exceeded by such filthy towns as Hull and Newcastle. But SO IT IS; and in reflecting on this subject, it should never be forgotten how many cases of sickness occur for every death which takes place.

A very cursory glance at the subjoined Table, showing the mortality of the places just mentioned, exhibits an agricultural town like Ely, of considerable population, in close but most unenviable proximity to such monster accumulations of houses, people, and filth as London, Leeds and Newcastle, whilst her position not only ought to be, but with proper sanitary measures might be, near the very bottom of the scale.

As I wish these facts to sink deep into the minds and memories of all those "whom it may or doth concern," I will not disturb the impression by adding another world; so reserving what I have to say till another occasion.
I am, yours, obediently
A Citizen
Ely October 10th 1849

Table showing the Annual Mortality of the following Towns and Places, on an average of seven years.

	Per 1,000 of the population
Hull	27.98
Newcastle	26.41
Ely	26.10
Birmingham	26.09
Leeds	25.90
London	25.22
Norwich	25.02
Sunderland	24.92
Cambridge	24.22
York	22.89
Cambridgeshire	22.41
All England	21.87
Yarmouth	20.89
Linton and Newmarket Unions	19.97
Sussex	18.39

The Sale of Laudanum
Sir, I agree fully with Mr Lincolne in the main drift of his well written letter; but he has mistaken the question between us, which is not whether the sale of laudanum is extensive or restricted within proper bounds, but simply whether more care is not necessary in the "sale of laudanum", than in general articles of trade.

As the question is one that affects the public at large, I beg to suggest the following hints, which for the last twenty years have preserved me from the unpleasantness of a single accident.

If the customer is known as an habitual taker of opium or laudanum, he may be served on the "silent system". But, if a stranger comes, the first witness to expect is a phial, either labelled, or that has evidently been used for laudanum. The absence of this witness should excite enough suspicion to enquire the dose taken, how often, where purchased usually, and how long the habit has been formed; considerable time should also be taken in fitting the cork, etc., during which an attempt should be made to engage the purchaser in cheerful conversation, and if he hesitates to reply to the questions, or there is any melancholy in his manner, he ought to be refused.

I do not presume to say that these precautionary measures are infallible, but they are better than none at all; and I make them public, hoping that others will till further improve upon them
I am, Sir, yours
Samuel Sturton
Ely October 18 1849

Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions
These Sessions were held on Tuesday and Wednesday last, before Rev. J. Fardell, Chairman, Rev. Gale Townley, the Dean of Ely, T. Bowker and W Layton Esqrs., and other magistrates.
Robbery of a Master at Wisbech

George Furness (19) charged with stealing from the till of his employer, Mr Baxter, chemist, Wisbech one shilling. In view of the prisoner's respectability the sentence was mitigated to two months' imprisonment.

George Shaw (43) charged with stealing a roll of leather and other articles, the property of Edward Bradock, of Leverington, his employer. Guilty, one months' hard labour.
Robbery at Lodging House
Frederick Feary (20) charged with stealing a sovereign and 7s 6d from a fellow lodger.
Found guilty
Robbery at Upwell

William Cole (48) charged with stealing two horse collars, one cart saddle, and some plough gears, property of Wm. Hodgkinson. Found guilty, 3 months; hard labour.
Cigar robbery at Chatteris

Charles Earl, formerly the landlord of the Horse and Gate Inn, and Thomas Page, gardener, indicted for stealing half a pound of cigars, property of the present landlord of the Horse and Gate.

This case excited great interest on account of one of them (Earl) being the owner of property and a man of some station at Chatteris, and the other appeared to be employed by all the wealthiest people there, though he seems to have been fined for riding in a railway carriage without having paid his fare.

Wm. Collett (33) and John Shelton (20) were indicted for stealing a chain, the property of Mr Ibberson and others at Benwick. The Jury acquitted Collett and found Shelton guilty, he was sentenced to nine months' lard labour.
Assaulting a Policeman at Ely

Wm Smith (39) charged with assaulting police-constable Fletcher in the execution of his duty. Sentenced to six month's hard labour.

Wm. Culledge (39) charged with stealing a fly-tool the property of an Irish labourer at Elm. Found guilty.

Charles Chapman, an old offender, found guilty of stealing a duck. 9 months' imprisonment.
Robbery at Ely

John Johnson (19) charged with stealing a pair of trousers, property of John Woodward, at Ely. Found guilty.

October 27 1849

Deaths at Ely, on Friday, 19th instant, Mr Robert Eaves aged 63 years; his quiet and upright conduct through life made him much respected.
On the 20th instant, at Ely, Alice Maud, the infant daughter of Mr. C. M. Bidwell.

Ely – Deficient Weights and Measures
On Thursday at a Petty Sessions before the Rev. Dr. Fardell and Wm. Layton Esq., at Ely; the following dealers were fined.

	£	S	D
Cole, Wm. Downham, light weights	1	12	0
Effingham, John, Littleport, deficient measures	1	17	6

Taylor, Isaac, Prickwillow, light weights	1	12	0
Henson, John, Prickwillow, short measure		17	0
Appleby, Samuel, Littleport, light weights	1	12	6
Thorpe, Richard, Prickwillow, light weights	1	12	0
Watson, Porter, Prickwillow, light weights	1	12	0
Cheesewright, Matthew, Littleport, false balances	1	12	0
Brewster, Judith, Ely, light weights		16	6
Lee, Mary, Ely, light weights		16	6

The Price of Flour

Much dissatisfaction exists in Ely and the neighbourhood, in consequence of the high price of flour, compared with the price of wheat, retailers charging for household seconds 1s 11d per stone, whilst the average returns show the price of wheat to be under 20s the coomb. Several farmers, in order to give their labourers the benefit of low prices, are purchasing flour at wholesale price, and retailing it out at cost price; whilst others supply them with wheat at market prices, and the poor man gets it broken. Good seconds flour is selling at Bury, twenty-five miles from Ely, at 1s 6d. the stone.
From a Correspondent.

Littleport and Downham District

At a General Half-yearly Meeting of the above district, held at Ely, on Wednesday last, for the purpose, amongst other things, of electing an officer of the Upper Division of that district, in the room of Francis Cole, deceased, six candidates offered themselves for the vacant appointment: John Newton, William Tingay, Michael Cole, and three others, who were not nominated, and on a poll being taken, the votes were as follows.
Newton 21, Tingay 9, Cole 4, and the election accordingly fell upon John Newton, who we understand, has had much experience in the practical part of drain works, and is likely to make a useful officer.

November 10 1849

Ely Union – Election of Nurse

Notice is hereby given, that in consequence of Thursday next being fixed for the General Thanksgiving, the election of Nurse for the Ely Union Workhouse will be deferred till Thursday 22nd instant, at Twelve o'clock.
By Order of the Board
W. Marshall, Clerk

Marriage at Ely, on November 6th, Mr. Thomas Morgan, to Miss Eusden, daughter of Mr. James Eusden, builder, Ely.

Inquest

On Wednesday an inquest was held at the Ely Union, on the body of Edward Scott, formerly clerk in a solicitor's office at Ely, but who had for some time been destitute, in consequence of leading a dissipated life. He had told several people he should soon die, and only entered the Union House the day before. Verdict "died by the Visitation of God."

November 17 1849

To Builders, Contractors, Farmers and Others
Important sale of Memel Timber
At Annesdale, Ely
To Be Sold by Auction, by George Legge
On Monday 26th November, 1849, at Eleven o'clock punctually. Between 5,000 and 6,000 cubit feet of the finest quality of Memel Timber, property of Mr. Wm. Simpson of Downham which will be sold in convenient lots for the accommodation of purchasers. Descriptive catalogues, containing the quantity of cubic feet in each lot, may be had at the office of the Auctioneer a few days before the sale.

Annesdale is close to the Navigable River, and but a short distance from the Eastern Counties Railway Station.

November 24 1849

Death at Ely, Mr John Duncan Magee, fifteen years lay-clerk in the Cathedral choir, leaving seven orphans, his wife having died on the 18th instant.

Ely Potatoes

We are sorry that the disease is more destructive this year through this locality than in any former year. Those that were pitted apparently sound are now found to be extensively diseased. Some parties have found fifty sacks out of sixty entirely useless: at all events it is represented that full half the crop, which was a very abundant one, is entirely destroyed.

Accident

On Monday last, a poor idiot girl, about 14 years of age, named Jones, residing on the Stuntney causeway, was left in the house by her mother: her clothes caught fire and the poor creature shortly afterwards died.

Turnpike Road

Leading from Cambridge to Ely, and from thence to Soham etc., called "The South District"

In pursuance of a Requisition from two of the Trustees of the said Turnpike Road, Notice is hereby given, that a Meeting of the said Trustees will be holden at the White Hart Inn, in Ely aforesaid, on Tuesday 11th December next, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of appointing a Surveyor in the room of Mr Hobson, appointed at the last meeting, who has declined to act; and to take into consideration the dangerous state of the Road in the parishes of Ely Trinity, Ely St Mary, and the Hamlet of Stuntney; and on General business.

Dated 22nd November, 1849

H. R. Evans & Son, Clerks.

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Marriages – On November 27th at St Mary's Church, Ely, (by the Rev. Francis Bagge Scott. M.A.) Mr Matthew Scott, to Miss Cropley, both of Ely.

November 30th at Trinity Church Cambridge (by the Rev. W. Crisford) Mr. E Pope, of Ely, to Bertha, eldest daughter of Mr. G. H. Bays, solicitor of Cambridge.

Ely The Cathedral

Mr. T. Stevens, of Norwich, has been elected by the Dean and Chapter of Ely, one of the Lay Clerks of Ely Cathedral, in the room of Mr. J. D. Magee, now deceased

Ely – Railway Fares

Much dissatisfaction has arisen from the increased fares and rates on the Eastern Counties Railway, which the directors will find in many instances amount to a prohibition. The fare to London form Ely, second class, is 14s. the same as the old stage coach: after the first opening of the rail it was 9s. The increased rate of carriage on some articles in very considerable, and will be extensively felt by many who are already struggling against adverse circumstances, without, we opine, increasing the revenue of the company, as on the producer must fall the expense of transit.

Potatoes

Large quantities of potatoes are fast disappearing, parties selling at present prices, rather than run the risk of losing what they have left by the disease. One farmer in the parish of Haddenham grew

on 63 poles of land the large quantity of 234 bushels, which at present are free from the disease. Best regeats at present are worth from 6s to 7s the sack.

Ely Union Contracts
The Board of Guardians of the above Union, give notice, that they will at their weekly Meeting, at the Union Workhouse in Ely, on Thursday 13th December instant, receive Tenders for supplying the said Workhouse and the Out-door Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief Districts, with the following articles, from 27th instant, inclusive for thirteen weeks viz.
Good Thirds Flour, at per stone
Good Bread, made of the same quality Flour (24 hours old), at per 4lb loaf
Good Beef, (Clods, Stickings, or Briskets, without bone;
Fore quarters of Mutton (not weighing less than 20 lbs per quarter), and Suet, at per stone.
To be delivered at the said Workhouse at such times, in such quantities, as the Board of Guardians shall order: and to be supplied to the Paupers in every Parish, in such quantities as shall be expressed in tickets issued by the Relieving Officer.
N. B. Each Tender must be for supplying one Relief District at least.

Sealed Tenders, indorsed "Tender for Bread and Flour," or as the case may be, to be sent to me (free of expense) and Samples must be produced at the Meeting.

N.B. The Tenders for Bread and Flour must be delivered at my office the night previous to the Meeting, otherwise they will not be received. Other Tenders may be delivered on or before Nine a.m. of the 13th instant. Contractors to give such security for the performance of their Contract as the Board may require; but the Guardians do not pledge themselves to accept the lowest or any of the Tenders, and Contractors are requested to take notice that the Receiving Officers' duty is to settle with them every week for all Goods ordered by them.

N. B. All persons having any demands upon the above Unions are requested to send in their Bills to me on or before the 2nd January next, containing full particulars of the Articles furnished, or Work done, under the orders of the Board, up to and including the 26th instant, accompanied with the orders themselves.
By Order of the Board
William Marshall, Clerk.
December 15 1849
Lost
A Red and White Ayrshire Heifer in calf.
Whoever will restore the same to Mr. Balls, Ely, will be rewarded for their trouble.

Ely – Protection
In our fourth page will be found a copy of the report which will be read to a public meeting upon the subject of protection, to be holden in the Shire Hall, on Thursday, 10th January.
Report to be submitted for adoption.
"In the second report of the Committee, made in February 1846, it is stated that there can be no reasonable expectation that the average price of wheat in this country will range higher, when the corn laws are repealed, than 5s per bushel." And the committee expressed an opinion, that if the standard of British prices was to be regulated by foreign markets it would sooner or later "involve the necessity of a reduction of rent, tithes, and all the public burden pressing upon the landed interest of this country, to the level of similar outgoings abroad". The corn returns for the last twelve months shew too clearly the soundness of the conclusion at which the committee had arrived.

"The advocates of Free Trade doctrines still maintain that agriculture may prosper under the existing depression of prices, though it become permanent' but their arguments are founded on theoretical views of the subject, alike visionary and fallacious and wholly unsupported by the experience and opinions of practical men.

"The general affect of the present pressure upon the agricultural interest is by no means fully understood.

An eminent geologist has recently stated that the clay soils extend to one third of the cultivated land of the Kingdom. It can scarcely be doubted, that the light, sandy, gravelly and chalk soils constitute, at least another third; the remaining third will therefore consist of the loamy and alluvial soils, and strong fen land. The wheat produce of the first described land, will probably average 20 bushels per acre, of the second 20 – 25 bushels, and of the third 32 – 35 bushels.

"Now your committee are prepared to admit that, with respect to the loamy and alluvial soils and strong fen lands, an adjustment of rent may enable the tenants to struggle against the present depression, though with greatly reduced profits; and it may be true that, with respect to a portion of the lighter description of soils, a large remission of rent, to an extent materially damaging the incomes of the landlords, may suffice to continue the land in cultivation. But how will the interests of the owners and occupiers of the rest of the light land and of the clay soils be affected?

"Your committee have no hesitation in expressing their confident belief that, with wheat averages fluctuating between 40s and 46s per quarter, these soils will yield no greater rent than sheep pasturage of an ordinary quality will justify.

"The result then will be the depreciation in value of landed property, to an amount bordering upon two hundred millions! And the evil will not rest here, for, the labouring population of those districts will be left destitute of the means of support; other classes will be impoverished; the home market for the manufacturers will be paralysed; and crime and disorder will increase in a fearful degree.

"The Free Traders, however, have a panacea for these ills; exert all your energies, say they to the farmers, to stimulate production; farm on Mercantile principles; apply fresh capital with an unflinching hand, and the increase of produce will amply compensate for the depression of prices.

"Idle and unskilful farmers will doubtless be found, as men of the same stamp are to be met with in all trades and professions; but your Committee believe the bulk of the English farmers to be industrious' skilful, and enterprising, and that where their system of agriculture is defective, it arises generally from circumstances over which they have no control, and from impediments in the way of proper cultivation of the soil which the legislature alone can remove. The advice to apply fresh capital might be seasonable, if prices were remunerating, and reasonable profits could be secured; but under present circumstances where and how is the capital to be obtained? New capital can only spring from the land out of surplus income, and what tenant farmer can now boast of a balance sheet showing an annual increase of capital?

"It seems an idle mockery to urge the farmers to the employment of additional capital, when a system is in operation which cripples their resources, and gradually undermines the capital already embarked.

"How many thousands of honest and industrious cultivators of small farms, men of slender capital and frugal habits – are exposed to the cruel mortification of seeing their little property, acquired as it has been in numerous instances, by severe toil, in the prime of life, daily wasting and disappearing; and that, not from any neglect or want of care or foresight on their part; not from any visitation of the unerring hand of Providence; but attributable to the rash and impolitic proceedings of the legislature of their own country. How galling to men of this class must be the prospect of being reduced in the decline of life, to the station of common labourers, and of having their families torn from them to seek subsistence in distant lands or driven to pine in want and misery at home.

"Some persons anticipated a general increase of home produce with an open foreign trade. Your committee do not concur in that opinion; they consider that exhausting systems of culture will be

resorted to, the baneful effects of which will soon be apparent in the impoverishment of the soil, and consequent diminution of produce.

"A noble Lord, from our northern territory, has publicly recommended as one amongst other measures of relief from existing difficulty, the raising of borrowed capital at 7 per cent interest.

"The Scotch are, proverbially long-headed, and generally esteemed a shrewd, intelligent, and deep-thinking set of men: and his lordship, for ought the committee know, may be an excellent representative of the intellectual qualities of his countrymen. But they are at a loss to understand how a farmer, who can with difficulty secure any return for his capital, is to enrich himself by an infusion of fresh capital borrowed at 7 per cent interest; nor can they easily conjecture how the capital advanced is to be well secured to the lender. Corn and Stock pawnbroking transactions they imagine will be found inconvenient and difficult of execution to all parties engaged in them, and by no means profitable to landlords.

"The supporters of Free Trade theories maintain that the present depression is not altogether to be ascribed to the abolition of the corn duties.

A noble Lord from his seat in the House of Lords, avowed his opinion that the low prices of last winter were attributable to the wet harvest and deficiency of produce in 1848 in the west and south of England, not at the moment bearing in mind the elementary principal of political economy, that the bad quality and reduced supply of an article has the effect of enhancing and not of lowering, the price of those of superior quality.

"Your committee believe that during the time the Corn duties Act of 1846 has been in full operation (a period extending over the last two harvests) the price of wheat has ranged as low, if not lower, than in any two successive years for the last 60 years.

"The present depression, however, it is said is but temporary: and we are told we are in the course of transition from a bad to a good system, which must necessarily produce temporary difficulties: that prices have been equally low under protective duties, and that a re-action will speedily arise.

"Those who advance such arguments overlook the important fact that former depressions were produced by temporary causes, while the present prices are the result of new laws which are designed to produce, and will not fail to effect a permanent change in the value of agricultural produce. Fluctuations to the extent of a few shillings per quarter there will be; but an European war, or a general failure of crops on the continent can alone occasion any material advance in the prices of British corn.

"Your Committee have no confidence in the prophetic vision of the advocates of the Free Trade policy. The forebodings of agricultural prosperity, so confidently expressed by them three years ago, prove to have been mere dreams. With an open foreign corn Trade, wheat was predicted to settle down to a minimum price of 52s per quarter. It is now below 42s. The price of wheat abroad, it was said, would rise to the level of the British markets, which would not be materially depressed, whereas we now see that the prices at home are determined by the prices abroad, and that British corn, instead of maintaining its value, has sunk to the standard of foreign prices.

"Again, it is maintained that the British farmers have little to fear from foreign competition. They are, were are led to suppose, far in advance of the foreigners in agricultural arts and sciences; the implements of the latter, it is said, are rude and unwieldy; their stock of a very inferior description; their labour, though nominally at a low price, in reality from its bad quality as compared with British labour, very dear; and in the generally economy of the management of a farm, they are considered to be far outstripped by our farmers.

"These observations to a great extent, are undoubtedly correct; but it is to be remarked that, with all the disadvantages under which the foreigners now labour, they do manage to glut our markets with corn and stock, and to depress prices.

"What, then, is to be expected when the science of agriculture abroad has reached the proud pre-eminence it has attained at home? British gold is flowing into the rural districts abroad in a continuous stream, and British farming will assuredly follow in its train.

"It is curious to observe the ingenious devises that are suggested for bolstering up the Free Trade system, and diverting the attention of the agriculturists from any restoration of import duties. The repeal of an obnoxious tax, reduction of outgoings, improved farming, revision of the law of settlement, and various other measures, have their favourite supporters; and a noble lord, at a recent meeting in Norfolk, dwelt largely upon the advantages to be derived from an improved system of cottage building. Unquestionably, many moral and social ills result from the insufficient accommodation afforded by the habitations of the poor, and whoever seeks to mitigate the evil may justly be regarded as a benefactor to his country. An excellent example in that respect has been set in influential quarters, which it is hoped will attract the attention of the principal land owners; for with them alone rests the duty of providing proper places of abode for those by whose toil their estates are rendered productive. The tenant farmers seek the means of obtaining a fair remuneration for their capital, skill, and labour; and if that object be secured, they will be content, but any legislation that interferes with it they regard as a blot upon the statute-book which ought not to be permitted to remain.

"Foreign nations appear to be more instinctively alive to the necessity of affording protection to native industry than our own legislature. America, for instance, proves herself a nursing mother to her agricultural population. From the cheapness and abundance of land in Canada; combined with other causes, corn can be produced at less cost then in America; but the American legislature refuses to allow the advantageous position of the Canadians to operate to the disadvantage of the American agriculturists. It imposed an import duty of 10s per quarter on Canada wheat, justly considering it to be a paramount duty on their part to give every encouragement to the tillage of American soil, and also to avoid the opening of a winter highway for Canadian corn through American territories to the British markets.

"And the Canadian legislature itself, actuated by a similar spirit, amongst other import duties has imposed a heavy duty on Foreign hats, not excepting even those manufactured in the Mother country.

"Free-Trade, as it now exists, your Committee regard as a fallacy and a delusion. For the proper acceptation of the term it should extend to all articles of home produce; and to be just, it should be reciprocally adopted by all Foreign nations.

"How far our own Legislature has recognized the principal as between the agriculturists and the manufacturers of this country let the following statement of some of the import duties show.
10 per cent
Bandstring twist: bast ropes, twines, and strands; brass, manufactures of; bronze ditto; buttons, metal; carriages of all sorts; casks, empty; china, or Porcelain ware; clocks; copper manufactures; copper and brass wire; cotton articles, or manufactures of wholly or part made up; Chrystal, cut or manufactured; gauze of thread; iron and steel-wrought; japanned or lacquered ware; lace, cotton wire; lead, manufacture of; leather manufactured (except French); linen articles, manufactures of, linen, or linen mixed with cotton or wool, wholly or in part made up; pewter, manufactures of; steel, manufactures of; tin ditto; turnery; twine; whipcord; woollens, articles of manufactures of wool etc. wholly or in part made up; goods wares, and mechandizes, in part or wholly manufactured, and not enumerated, or described, or otherwise charged with duty, and not prohibited to be imported.
15 per cent
Silk or satin, as described in the schedule; gauze, ditto; velvet, ditto; manufactures of silk.

25 per cent
Artificial flowers, wholly or in part silk.
£1 per cwt – Soap
Millinery
Dresses £1. 10s. 0d each.
"Your Committee would by no means under-rate the vast importance of our Foreign trade. They believe that Freedom of Commerce, so far as it is compatible with a due attention to domestic industry, it is essential to the maintenance of our national prosperity; but they have yet to learn that the foreign trade of this country can only flourish by the depression of the agricultural interests.

"The Foreign Trade is represented to be very prosperous, and which, to some extent, may be occasioned by the free admission of Foreign corn. On the other hand, it is not to be considered that as the China war, and the convulsed state of European Governments, led to its decline a few years since, so its present revival may be mainly attributable to the general restoration of peace.

"That a severe blow has been inflicted upon the agricultural interests by recent legislation is painfully felt by the British farmer. His only hope for relief must rest with the legislature, and your Committee trust that on earnest and powerful appeal will be made to both Houses of Parliament, at the commencement of the ensuing session by the agriculturalists in all parts of the Kingdom.

"Every village should tell its tale, and record it in its own petition. Deputations from each district should meet in London on the assembling of Parliament. Now is the time for the farmers to make a bold, vigorous, and united effort to obtain redress for their grievances. Let them, as they have been well advised to do, exhibit "an unbroken front, an united purpose, and a determined spirit." They owe it to themselves, their wives and families, to take that course, and they owe it to the agricultural labouring population, and to posterity.

"Your Committee cannot conclude this report without directing public attention to the present mode of obtaining the average of the price of corn, which they consider bears unjustly upon the land owner and tenant farmer.

"The averages, as now declared, do not represent the prices realised by the farmers, since they include the transactions of all who stand between the producer and consumer, and thus inhance unduly all rents regulated by the price of corn; and the extension of the calculations for the purposes of the tithe rent charges over a period of seven years also operates greatly to the disadvantage of the land owner by raising the money value of the tithe beyond the existing value of the corn for which it is substituted.

"The average price of wheat at Ely market in the third week of November was 35s per qt. In London the average price was 45s 1d and under the tithe average in force for the current year the wheat price is 56s.
"William Layton, Chairman."

December 22 1849

Impudent Robbery
A week or two ago, two ladies who had travelled from Ely by the Eastern Counties Railway, discovered, on alighting at the Shoreditch terminus, that they had been robbed of their purses. The robbery must have been effected by their only fellow-passenger, a middle-aged man, of very respectable appearance, who made his way off the platform immediately on the train coming to a stand still. He had engaged the ladies in conversation during the journey, and, among other things entertained them with a description of the London thieves, remarking, that the ladies pockets as now fashioned afforded great facility for their operations; cautioning them to be careful.

Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter sessions of the Peace for the Isle, will be holden at the Sessions House, in Wisbech, on Wednesday 2nd of January next, at Ten o'clock, forenoon at which hour the chair will be taken; and all Jurors, Constables, and persons bound by recognizance, and others having occasion to attend, are required to give their attendance accordingly.

And Notice is also hereby given, that the business relating to the Constabulary Force of the Isle, and laying a Police-rate towards defraying the expenses of the Force, will commence and be proceeded in immediately after the Grand Jury are sworn and charged and after such business is disposed of the business relating to the assessment, application, or management of the isle Stock or Rate will commence and be done and transacted in open court.

The Justices Clerks are requested to send the several depositions and recognizances to the office of the Clerk of the Peace, on or before the Saturday preceding.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech, December 19th 1849

December 29 1849

Death at Ely, December 20th, aged 15, Kezia, the youngest daughter of Mr. John Human.

January 5 1850

Agricultural Meeting at Ely

A Meeting of the Members of the Ely Agricultural Society, and of the Owners and Occupiers of Land in the South Level of the Fens, will be holden at the Shire Hall in Ely, on Thursday, the 10th day of January next, at Twelve o'clock at noon, to receive and consider a report of the Committee of the Society, and also to consider the propriety of adopting measures by Petitions to the Throne, or to Parliament, or otherwise, for removing difficulties under which the Agriculturalists now labour.
Dated the 20th of December, 1849
T. & G. Archer
Hon. Secretaries to the Society.

Isle of Ely

Isle of Ely Sessions, Jan. 2

Present the Rev. W. G. Townley (Chairman,) the Revs. H. Fardell, Jeremiah Jackson, W. Howarth, and George Whitefoord; and C. Metcalfe Esq., Hy. Ward, Esq., (Mayor), and Joseph Cox, Esq.

The following gentlemen were sworn on the grand jury:

Mr John Brown, Elm

Mr. Robert Ingamello		Mr. John Odam	March
Mr. C. Boucher, jun.	Wisbech	Mr. John Pope	March
Mr. T. H. Bouttell	Wisbech	Mr. J. Parkinson	March
Mr. W. Dawbarn	Wisbech	Mr. Edwd. Vawser	March
Mr. Geo. Hardy	Wisbech	Mr. John Blunt	Whittlesea
Mr. John Howell	Wisbech	Mr. John Cole	Whittlesea
Mr. Robt. Wherry	Wisbech	Mr. Wm. Drake	Whittlesea
Mr. John Barker	March	Mr. Thos. Johnson	Whittlesea
Mr. John Morton	March	Mr. Henry Ward	Whittlesea

The usual proclamation against vice and immorality having been read.

The Chairman, in his charge to the grand jury, said, it was with great pleasure he informed them of the extreme light calendar before them. This fact spoke well for the poor, for their employers, and for the police. He was quite sure that the more an Englishman was employed, the less inclined he was to steal. He would make one or two observations with regard to sanitary regulations; he trusted they would persist in carrying them out to the furthest possible extent. Although they were at the present moment relieved of that dreadful disease the cholera, if these regulations were not persisted in, they well knew that filth, bad drainage, and bad ventilation, would produce disorders, which, if not so fatally destructive, were productive of the very worst consequences.

Mr Couch made an application to the Court on the part of the proprietors of old inclosures as in the parish of Chatteris to fix the corn rents in lieu of tithes. Under the Act passed in 1809, the tithes were converted into corn-rents, and there was a provision in that Act for varying them from time to time according to the average price of wheat in Wisbech market. The application was made at the request of forty-three persons residing in the parish of Chatteris. Seven years ago the rents were fixed by the Impropriator. - Mr Lawrence, of St. Ives, proved the signatures to the minutes of a meeting held at Chatteris upon the subject. – Mr. Graystone proved the service of copies of the notices upon Mr. Chomoldy, the impropriator, and the Rev. Mr. Gathercole, the vicar. – Mr. B. F. Dun, Inspector of Corn Returns at Wisbech, stated the average price of wheat for the last seven years at Wisbech to be £2. 10s. 1½d per quarter, or 6s. 3d and three-sixteenths per bushel. – The Court fixed the rent accordingly.

Mary Ann Rust (18), pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing several articles of wearing apparel, the property of Mr. Samuel Andis, of Littleport. – Three calendar months at Wisbech.

George Ellingham (21), and John Warner (32), were charged with an assault on William Willimott, with intent to rob. – Mr. Naylor for the prosecution, and Mr. R. King, solicitor; Mr Mills for the defence. – It appeared from the evidence of the prosecutor, who is a journeyman brazier, that he was returning home from Ely fair on Sunday morning, the 4th November last, and that when near Wood-fen Drove, on the road that leads from Littleport to Ely, he heard one of three men, whom he saw on the road, say "here comes some fine- he walks like Mr. Martin." Convine, one of the party, who escaped, said it was Willimott, and came up, seized him by the collar, and said, "you ---, we want some money, and we'll have some, for we are gong to Ely fair." Ellingham then seized hold of prosecutor, and said he knew he had got some money somewhere. Warner felt in prosecutor's pockets, and took some walnuts from his great coat pocket; and, after leaving him, said "If I come back to you, I'll alter the shape of your head." The prosecutor, during a cross-examination by Mr. Mills, caused considerable merriment in court by the sharpness of his answers. – Guilty, but recommended to mercy by the jury: three months' imprisonment each, with hard labour, at Wisbech.

William Johnson (30), charged with stealing ten fowls, the property of Mr. John Anker, of March. – Mr. Naylor appeared for the prosecution; the prisoner was undefended. The Prosecutor, a farmer, resided at March, proved that late on Saturday night, the 27th October, he was returning home, and saw Mrs. Andrews in her yard, which is about twenty or thirty yards from his own premises, and in consequence of what she told him, they called up Mr. Andrews, and the latter went with him and searched prosecutor's premises; they found a ladder against the hen-roost, and saw two men in the field adjoining the premises, coming towards the buildings; heard one of them say, "this is the road; they are all still; we'll soon have some more." He (prosecutor) had a piece of wood in his hand, and when the men came up, he knocked one of them down with it. The man had a bundle of something at his back, and he secured him, which proved to be the prisoner; the other man escaped: the bundle contained ten fowls, all dead, and wrapped up in a blue slop. He knew the fowls to be his. – Mr. Andrews corroborated the evidence given by the prosecutor. – Mrs Andrews, wife of the last witness, spoke to having heard a noise in the hen-roost at half-past twelve on the night in question; saw two men, and heard them kill five fowls, - Christopher Buttriss, p. c. 17, stationed at March, took the prisoner into custody, and produced portions of the skins of the fowls, and head of a chicken found in the hen-roost, all of which were identified as belonging to Mr. Anker. – Guilty: four month's imprisonment at Wisbech, with hard labour.

Samuel Jolly (30), charged with stealing a purse and 16s in money, the property of William Colebech, at March. – No true bill.

John Roberts (60) charged with stealing a flannel jacket the property of William Clarke, at Chatteris, pleaded guilty. He also pleaded guilty to a second indictment for stealing a pair of shoes and other articles, the property of Thomas Johnson, at Chatteris. – 2 months' imprisonment on each charge, at Wisbech.

James Few, 31, railway labourer, was placed at the bar, charged with having stolen a great coat, the property of William Freeman, who employed the prisoner to carry a hamper, parcel, and great coat, from the Crown Inn, Peterboro', to the station; he followed shortly afterwards intending to proceed to Ely; on getting to the station he missed the coat, and asked the prisoner what had become of it, who said it was upon the hamper. A few days afterwards prisoner was taken into custody at Ely; and upon being asked what had become of the great coat; he at first replied he knew nothing about it, and afterwards that he had had a coat given him by a person as a security for three days' work, and had sold it to a tailor at Peterboro' for 5s., and this was prosecutor's coat. Guilty. 3 months' hard labour.

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Country Markets

Ely, Thursday, Jan. 10

	Quantity		Average		
	Q	B	£	S	D
Wheat	524	0	1	17	11
Barley	13	4	1	2	9
Oats	199	0	0	13	8
Beans	20	0	1	11	6
Peas	12	0	1	7	0

Eau Brink Tax

Tax, Double Tax, Treble Tax

All Eau Brink Commissioners who do not wish to have their Lands swallowed up by insidious Taxation, should attend the Eau Brink Meeting at Ely, the 25th instant, and vote for the Sale of part of the Eau Brink Land, to pay the Debt, and so stop the payment of all Tax, now and for ever.

Wm. Nix

Jan.9th, 1850

Burnt Fen First District

Payment of Taxes

Notice is hereby given, that the Commissioners for Draining the First District of Burnt Fen Lands, did, at a half-yearly Meeting, holden by adjournment at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Saturday, the fourteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, assess, rate, tax, and charge all and singular the Fen Lands and Low Grounds within the said District with a Tax of Nine-pence per Acre, and a gradual Acre-Tax not exceeding One shilling and Sixpence per Acre, and a further gradual Acre-Tax not exceeding Three Shillings per Acre, on each and every Acre of the said Fen Lands and Low Grounds, and so in proportion for any less quantity than an Acre; and that the said several Taxes have been ordered by the said Commissioners to be paid to us, as their Receivers, at our Office, in Ely, within the month of February next.

And Notice is hereby also given, that any person liable to the payment of the said Rates and Taxes, and omitting to pay the same to us for twenty days from the twenty-eighth day of the said month of February, will forfeit and be required to pay to the said Commissioners, by way of Penalty for every such omission, the sum of Three Shillings and Fourpence for every Twenty Shillings of the said Rates and Taxes which shall be so in arrear and unpaid, and so in proportion for any less sum than Twenty Shillings.

Dated this seventh day of January, 1850

T. & G. Archer
Clerks and Receivers to the said Commissioners.

Eau Brink Drainage

Notice is hereby given, that a General Half Yearly Meeting of the Commissioners of Drainage acting in execution of the several Acts of Parliament relating to the New River or Cut, from Eau Brink to King's Lynn, in the County of Norfolk, will be holden at the Lamb Inn in Ely, in the isle of Ely and county of Cambridge, on Friday, the 25th day of January instant, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

And Notice is further given, under the direction of five of the said Commissioners, made to us in writing, that at such meeting it will be proposed by one of the said last-mentioned Commissioners, that a sufficient portion of such part of the sands and old channel of the River Ouse as is situate above the Lower Dam, be sold, to discharge any debts due from the said Commissioners on any security or securities, granted by the said Commissioners previous to the first day of January, one thousand, eight hundred and forty four. And that it will be proposed at the same meeting, by one of the said last-mentioned Commissioners, to rescind or annul an order or resolution, made or entered into at a meeting of the said Commissioners, held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, in the said isle and county, on Friday, the twenty-ninth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty seven, as follows, viz.,

"Resolved, that it will be injurious to the interests of the proprietors of land, subject to the Eau Brink Tax, to sell the land in the Old Channel, at the present period, inasmuch as by retaining it until the existing mortgage debts of the Commissioners are reduced below two thousand pounds, the tax of sixpence an acre will cease in the year one thousand, eight hundred and fifty one, and the then income of the Commissioners will be sufficient for the maintenance of their works without the aid of a tax, whereas, if the immediate sale of the land takes place, a fund must be raised to maintain the works, and to provide for any emergency that may occur, by a fresh taxation of three-pence an acre, under the powers of the "Eau Brink Acts."

And also that it will be proposed by some one of the said last-mentioned Commissioners, to rescind or annul an order or resolution, made or entered into at a meeting of the said Commissioners of Drainage, held at the George Inn, in Chatteris, in the said isle and county, on Friday, the 28th day of July, one thousand, eight hundred and forty eight, by which a motion for rescinding the aforegoing resolution entered into at the said meeting of the said Commissioners, held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely aforesaid, on Friday, the twenty-ninth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty seven, was negatived.

Dated this ninth day of January, on thousand eight hundred and fifty.
T. & G. Archer
Clerks to the said Commissioners of Drainage.

Protectionist Meeting at Ely

On Thursday last, at twelve o'clock at noon, a meeting of the Agricultural Society of the Isle of Ely (announced for several weeks past in our columns) was holden in the Guildhall, Ely, "to receive and consider a Report of the Committee of the Society, and also to consider the propriety of adopting measures by petitions to the Throne, or to Parliament, or otherwise, for removing the difficulties under which the agriculturists now labour." William Layton, Esq., of Soham, the President of the Society, occupied the chair; and the meeting was crowded to excess, and amongst those present we observed R. G. Townley, Esq. M. P., (who was received with a very faint attempt at applause); and Messrs. Hicks (Wilbraham), Dobede, Archer, Cropley, Ball (Burwell), Moseley, Harlock, Little (2), Fyson, Bennett (Cambridge), T. Fryer (Chatteris), Smith (Fordham), Richardson (Chatteris), M. Witt, J. Hall, H. Robinson, Rayner (Ely), Brady (London), Muriel, Youngman (Mildenhall), Balls (Ely), C. Wooll, Cutlack (Littleport) Seaber, Palmer, H. Scott, Martins (3), Sabertons (2), Nix (2), Bidwell, Evans, Vipans (2), Luddingtons (3), Saunders, Etc., Etc.

The Chairman, in introducing the business, said he had often had opportunities of addressing meetings in that hall, but he never attended one so exciting and so important as the present. He felt somewhat at a loss to express himself adequately upon the occasion, but he should have been wanting in his duty to the position he held in the society if he had hesitated to take the prominent place he then occupied. Indeed, he believed it to be the duty of every man to come forward at that extraordinary crises, and use all his exertions to rescue himself, and his neighbours out of the difficulties and distress by which they were now surrounded (hear, hear). It must be admitted that we had arrived at a most alarming crisis, and it behoved every individual, laying aside political distinctions, to unite with his neighbours in the common effort to protect the interests of the productive classes. For unless this were done, the consequence must be a social revolution, one of the most fatal things that could be witnessed. On that ground the Society had thought proper to assemble that meeting; to endeavour thereby to arrest the progress of that ruin which appeared to be at their very thresholds (hear). They would give the Society credit for doing every thing with a view to the best, when they remembered that they had printed and circulated a long report throughout the county. The report before the present one was issued in 1846, and it was predicted therein that the effect of free-trade would be ruinous to the agriculturalists, and that prices would come down to 40s a quarter for wheat. Had not that prediction been verified? ("It was"). He had heard gentlemen ask what was the use of attending meetings like that? Nothing could be done, they said, and no good could arise. But he was glad to find, from so numerous an assembly; that they had thought it proper to shake off their apathy and inertness. It was certainly of no use attending these meetings if they allowed the storm to burst upon them; but when they came determined to express their sentiments upon that exciting occasion, and to endeavour by fair and constitutional means to redress the grievances that they laboured under, the case vas very different. In addressing that meeting he did not ask for any partial advantage, nor had he any particular interest to serve to the detriment of another. His object was to protect the domestic interests of the country in all shapes and forms (hear). All classes engaged in the cultivation of the soil were interested in this question, whether owners, occupiers, labourers, or tradesmen. With respect to the labourers, he conceived there was no class more worthy or deserving, or who, required more the sympathy of their fellow countrymen (hear, hear). But unless the progress of the present evil were arrested, that class must be brought to degradation and misery. 'It was well known that foreign produce can be brought here at a price that would cause it to entirely supersede the labour of our own hands. He had no hesitation to saying that wheat could be laid down in London or Liverpool at from 26s to 32s a quarter. If such were the case, how could this country, with all its burdens to struggle against, compete with foreign lands? A minister whose name he could not mention without abhorrence, said, in his better days, that the lowest remunerative price to the British producer was 52s. Where were his promises and pledges now? That minister was returned to protect the interests of the labourer, the farmer, and the tradesman, which he had on the contrary shamefully betrayed. He (Mr. L.) was once a supporter of that minister; but he had been so deceived that he would look round him for the future, and trust no one unless he could feel convinced of his honesty (hear, hear). He said he, for the future, should act with perfect independence, and would support no one who would not do his best in favour of the domestic interests of the country (hear). What had the farmers before them? Emigration was said to be their doom: if they could not live at home, they were told to go abroad. That was the free-trade notion; but free-traders had no sympathy with England or with Englishmen, and they might take up their goods and chattels and go abroad whenever and wherever they liked. But it was a very different thing for an agriculturist to quit the land of his birth, and to seek a home in a foreign soil. The agriculturist was ever ready to exclaim:-

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead
Who never to himself hath sold
This is mine own, my native land."

He urged his hearers not to quit their native land, unless driven away by sheer necessity, but let them use their constitutional exertions in a proper and independent manner, declaring that they will no longer be trifled with, but would have that protection which was fairly their due, and which would enable all classes to maintain their positions in the social scale. For himself, he said that he

was ready at all times and positions to lend his humble efforts to ensure protection to the productive interests particularly to the supplier, the labourer, and the agricultural tradesman (hear). With regards to the county members, he said Mr. Townley was here to answer for himself. Mr. Yorke intended to have been present also, but was so unwell that his medical man had advised him not to come. Lord George Manners would also certainly have been present, but he was summoned to attend a court-marshal in Kent.

At the conclusion of the Chairmans observations, the pressure became so great in some parts of the hall that there arose a cry for adjournment to some more simple space; but as the Guildhall is the largest room in the city, and as the weather was too inclement for an open air meeting, it was resolved to go on. The consequence was that many persons could not get in, and were compelled to withdraw.

Mr. Moseley proposed the first resolution; and apologised to his brother tenant-farmers for his inability to do justice to the subject. He felt, he said, that he should have been guilty of neglect, not only to his wife, family and friends but also to every person who heard him, if he had refused to come forward and take part in the proceedings (hear). Without further preface he would read the resolution (for which, see Advertisement). He thought the time had arrived when every man who felt as he ought to feel, should come and put his shoulder to the wheel, and endeavour to relieve the country from the difficulties into which it had been plunged by the false, ruinous and illegitimate system of free-trade, which had been adopted by the legislature (hear, hear). His humble opinion that it is impossible for the tenant-farmers to contend against the free importation of foreign corn and cattle. The foreigner wanted a market for his surplus produce; so as long as he could bring it here free of duty, he would bring it, no matter how low the price. With the farmers of Great Britain it was a life and death question; and he therefore thought it a wise thing to lay aside all talk of minor things, such as the removal of this tax or that, the shifting of this local burden or that, for these were mere grains of sand compared with the real remedy (applause). Protection to native industry was what they required, and what they would get, if they stuck true to each other like men. The cause was that of the poor; and they must succeed in it. They were mainly indebted to the labouring classes for the bread that they ate, and it was part of their duty to do all they could to render their situation comfortable. He would yield to no one in a desire to employ his full share of labourers, and to pay them fairly for the work which they preformed (hear, hear). But if by legislation his means are taken from him, he could do neither one, or the other. The last time he had the honour of saying a few words at a meeting like that, he said that wages never came down in proportion to the reduction in the price of corn, and that the farmers were at all times reluctant to lower wages. He said also that if free-trade continued the rate of wages must come down to 8s. and perhaps to 7s a week. His opinion was fully borne out, for wages in that district were now 8s. a week, and in some parts as low as 7s. (hear). He did not hesitate to say that if the present state of things continued, the rate of wages would come down still lower. He had been a Guardian of the poor in that parish ever since the formation of the Board, and with the exception of the first year, had filled the office of Vice-Chairman during all that time. The worthy President of that meeting was Chairman of the Board; but for the last few years his magisterial duties had so occupied his time, that he was not able to pay such attention to the Board as could be wished. The consequence was that a great share of the labour had fallen to his (Mr. M's) lot. He attended nearly every week of his life, and had the best opportunity of knowing the state of the poor. Up to Christmas last the applications for relief from able bodied men had been fewer than was expected, and the House was not so full as was anticipated. There were two or three sufficient reasons for this. In the first place very large works had been going on in connection with the drainage of the Middle Level, and this of course had created a considerable demand for labour. In the next place they had never seen so late a wheat-seeding season as last year. Moreover, it had pleased God to bless us with a good harvest, and the poor had not picked up so much corn by gleaning for many years. These things would account for the labourer being able to struggle on till Christmas. But he had attended the Board that morning, and likewise last Thursday, and he might say that for the last ten years there had never been so many applications from able-bodied men as in these two weeks (hear). No doubt there were many families in that union who were suffering great privation, because the father could not get constant

employment; yet he would not go into the union as long as he could get a day or two's work in the week, and a little credit, and so contrive to struggle on until the summer, when he hoped to get relieved from debt. It had been said by a gentleman in Cambridge, whose letter they had perhaps all read, namely, Mr. Ekin – and he mentioned his name with pleasure, because the mist had been partially removed from his eyes – it had been said by Mr. Ekin that the tenant-farmers were bound by law to pay rent, rates, and taxes, but they were not bound by law to employ more labour than they thought proper. Well, then, when a man found his means crippled, he fell to that source where he could reduce his expenses, and that affected the poor labourer (hear, hear). He felt, as a tenant farmer, in a neighbourhood where he had resided for thirty years, that he ought to speak out, and state fairly his own position; and he would do so (hear, hear). He said that the difference to him between the present price of corn and a price of 52s. amounted to no less than £25 a week. And what difference did it make to him, as a consumer, whether wheat was 4s. 6d. or 6s. 6d a bushel? Just 6d a week. A coomb of wheat weighing 18 stone would produce 14 stone of flour; if you added 1s. a stone that would be 14s. The farmer wanted 8s; the manufacturer had the other 6s., besides the offal. As the average consumption of an individual was a half a stone per week, the increased cost of maintenance was only 6d. Another gentleman, Mr. Frere, of Downing College, had also written a letter in the Cambridge Chronicle, and he said that nearly the whole duty imposed on foreign corn was paid by the consumer. He (Mr. M.) had no objection to admit, for the sake of argument, that every sixpence was paid by the consumer. But would any one of his labourers object to pay 6d a week more for his bread, if he had 3s a week more to pay it with? (hear, hear). The labourer would not only get 3s a week more himself, but his youngest child would get 6d more; his other children would receive additional pay; and his wife would get one half more. Then, be contended, the condition of that family would be much improved. The farmer would be able to pay his rent, rates, and taxes, and to do what it always delighted him (Mr. M.), employ all the labour he required at fair wages (hear, hear). He would endeavour to prove that with a fair price the labourer would get 3s. a week more than at present. At Christmas, 1845, his wheat was making 50s. a quarter – the average for the year was 45s.; but when he was getting 50s. at Christmas, the rate of wages was 11s. He might well say, then, that with wheat at 52s., the rate of wages would be 11s; for it was at that figure when wheat was at 50s. In 1846, the price at Christmas was 56s. The year 1847 was the most extraordinary ever known. It was called "the famine year", but there was just as much cause for an alarm of famine now as then. But that cry of famine ruined those who first caused it; it ruined hundreds of merchants, and it did not do the generality of farmers any good. Prices did run up from the commencement of the year to the end of May. Immediately afterwards corn came down as fast as it had run up; and whom did the high prices benefit? Those who could hold their corn; although one gentleman said he would hold till he got £7 a quarter, refusing £6, and consequence was that he lost his market (laughter). He was speaking, however, of the year 1846: at Christmas wheat was 56s., and wages 12s. The average price for the year was 61s. 6d., some made a much higher average; but he generally went to market every week, and took the best price he could get. In 1847, the price came down at Christmas to 48s. He wished to state that he considered his wheat a fair average of the fen country; and he should also state that he was a tenant-farmer, paying rent for every rood of his land, and occupying about 1000 acres. In 1847 the price of his wheat at Christmas was 48s.; the average for the year was 46s; wages were 10s. At Christmas 1848, the price was 44s; the average for the year was 42s; wages 10s; they afterwards came down to 9s. Since last harvest, the Christmas price was 17s. 6d for 18 stone, 35s a quarter; the average up to Christmas was 38s, wages were 8s. He had thus shown that when wheat was 52s. or 54s. he never paid less than 11s wages. Therefore, he contended, that wages would be 3s. higher than at present if wheat was 52s. (hear). Many persons had expressed an opinion that poor heavy lands should be thrown out of cultivation, and laid out in pasture. How much and what quality of produce would such, so laid down, produce? It would not realise the rent (hear). And what would become of the labourers employed upon it? (applause). There were many heavy land farms where once ploughing cost more than rent and tithes. This land supported many poor families; and if thrown out of cultivation, where were the poor to go? To better lands it was said. Yes, but they required less labour, and the market would soon be overstocked. And what was to become of the blacksmith, the collar-maker, and the other tradesmen? It was said they must emigrate to other parts of the country. This seemed a most fallacious argument. He thought they ought to encourage the cultivation of

every acre that could be made to grow corn (hear). He conceived that nine out of ten men of business would prefer good land at a rent of 40s. per acre, to heavy land at 10s. (hear). If this were true, take off the whole rent, and what would that benefit the tenant farmer? He believed that if a true account were rendered from Michaelmas, 1848, to Michaelmas, 1849, every sixpence of the rents of this country would be found to have been paid out of capital, and not out of the proceeds of stock (loud cries of hear, hear). With respect to a duty on corn, he would only say that he objected to a fixed duty, because in times of scarcity it could not be enforced, and in times of plenty it would be inoperative for the protection of the farmer. (hear). Without saying what sort of duty ought to be proposed, he contended that British industry was entitled to protection, and concluded with proposing the resolution (cheers).

Mr. H. Martin, of Littleport, briefly seconded the motion, which was carried without a dissentient voice.

Mr. Ball, of Burwell, as the delegate from this district to the National Association, proposed the second resolution. (See Advert.)

He had often had the gratification of addressing a public meeting in accordance with the spirit of that resolution, and he never did so without a firm conviction on his own mind that its sentiments corresponded with the best interests of the country, and with justice to all classes. Presuming that the principle of the resolution was based on justice, he had ever advocated it with the persuasion that under all the phases and changes of circumstances, the time would arrive when protection would be restored, which had been by false representation and foul policy, taken away (applause). But never had he at any period reason to support the principle with a stronger or firmer belief that the time is approaching when a great part of the people of this country will see the absolute necessity of a restoration of protection. He was supported in that belief by various circumstances. They know that four-fifths of the Irish landlords were coming round to see the necessity of a restoration of protection; and he believed that within a fortnight of that time they would have included beneath the banner of the National Association two-thirds of the farmers of Scotland (hear). He wanted to know what power there was in this country that could stand against the untied voice of the agriculturists of England, Ireland, and Scotland (hear). But it was not simply because he knew that a vast body were coming round, that he hoped the flag which for a period had been draggled would soon attain the top of the staff by the favouring gale of public opinion. If he wanted encouragement, he had it in Mr. Cobden's notorious speech, at Leeds. That gentleman expressed great indignation that the farmers and landlords should have the impudence to force on a question which he said had been so long settled; he asked if it was not a shame that a question which had been discussed for eleven years, and for the carrying of which the League had scattered hundreds of tone of papers, and holden more than two thousand meetings, should be again brought forward for a fresh vote. Why, the very things enumerated by Mr. Cobden showed the encouraging position of the farmers at present; for without any issue of thousands of tracts, or the holding of thousands of meetings, they stood in a better, stronger, and firmer position than they did before that tide of infamy and mis-statement flowed through the county (applause). It proved that the cause of truth was immortal and indestructible. They stood there that day with more friends then ever: some were present who doubted, where they once were firm in support of free-trade: others at once allowed that they had committed a great error in the support of that policy, and were prepared to take their stand with the friends of native industry (applause). He took encouragement also from other sources. For the last twelve months Mr. Cobden had been occupying himself with holding public meetings with the view of diverting public attention from free-trade: he feared reaction, and wanted to direct the public mind upon other changes. With this view he had headed a Peace Society, and given assistance to a Financial Reform Society, and a society for increasing county voters in a not very constitutional manner (hear.) Now, mark that man's proceedings. He went to France at the head of a body of Englishmen, and said he wanted to have peace with the whole world. Nothing could more surely contribute to the happiness of mankind than peace; and he had no doubt every man present was quite as favourable to peace and good will as Mr. Cobden and his Peace Conference (hear, hear). But their should be consistency in a man's conduct; a man was to be

judged, not by his professions, but by his acts. Now, when Mr. Cobden went to France, and proclaimed that he wanted peace universal, as a consistent man he should do what would best promote peace. Instead of that, we found him pouring out volumes of abuse upon the Emperor Alexander, holding up to ridicule the power of Russia, and speaking in the vilest language of Austria. Did that indicate a kind and peaceful spirit ("no, no.") Mr. Ball further illustrated this point by reference to a man who made a vow never to fight a duel, and yet took every opportunity of insulting those with whom he came in contact. Did not such a man assume the character of a bully? And had not Cobden acted precisely in that way? (hear, hear). He went about the country, carrying with him the elements of war and discord, setting man against man, and class against class; and unless God should avert the blow, he believed that we were by his agency advancing towards one of the fiercest conflicts and most terrible convulsions ever witnessed in this country (hear, hear). He asked, then, where was the consistency of Mr. Cobden's conduct? Then it was said that they were to have a diminution of taxation equivalent to the loss they had sustained by reason of free-trade. Now this was a very important matter; all figures are intricate and difficult, and he believed that a large book might be written on statistics and that few persons after its perusal would be wiser than before; and that a second book might be written by another author, with the same premises, and that he would arrive at a very different conclusion; for this reason he would not go into statistics, as he thought it better in a public meeting to raise an animus on the principle he advocated than to weary them with statistical statements. Cobden said that it was possible for him, with the support of the farmers, to effect diminution of ten millions in the taxes of the country – well suppose they got it: the farmers paid nearly two-thirds of the taxation of this country, so that if the agitation for reduction were successful, they would benefit to the amount of about seven millions; but against that gain let them put this loss. Spackman, whom he considered to be the best authority on the subject, said in his "analysis of the occupation of the people," that the produce of the land amounted to three hundred millions a year. Of that the farmers paid fifty eight or sixty millions per annum in the shape of rent, and twelve or fourteen millions per annum in the shape of local taxation, tithes, highway-rates, poor-rates, and so on, and in addition paid his part of the general taxation to the amount of thirty millions out of fifty-four millions, and if they took all the liabilities they would amount to one hundred millions a year. Thus as they raised three hundred millions and had a fixed payment of one hundred millions out of it, they had two hundred millions remaining to pay the expense of cultivation, labour, horse-keep, expense of tillage, and for his own part. Well, the fair-trade measure being introduced, corn is cheapened – the supply exceeds the demand and prices fall –free-trade fell the prices one third, so that the three hundred millions then produced was reduced to two hundred millions. From that let them take the hundred millions which they had to pay for taxation, and he asked, what equivalent seven millions would be to them in the shape of a reduction of taxation? He believed this to be their precise and positive condition, so if seven or even ten millions of their taxation was reduced the relief would be utterly insignificant, and not of the slightest benefit; he said this, as some farmers said it was useless to combat for a return to protection as they would never get it, and it would be better they should go with Cobden for a reduction of taxation. He hoped he had shewn the thorough incompetency of such relief. Cobden said they should never have a restoration of protection, and that if such a course were attempted, he would create such a feeling in the country that the small and insignificant interest of the land should be swamped, devastated, and borne away by the torrent he would bring to bear upon it. He could not but feel surprised at the unparalleled impudence of the man who seemed to treat the landed interest as an iota, a mere speck amid the great interests of this country. He (Mr. B.) said solemnly that out of the twenty-eight millions of the population of this country, twenty millions are engaged in or dependent upon the tillage of the land. He stated that solemnly and as the result of the calculation, and not only that, but that the capital invested in the land and its culture amounted to twenty times the sum employed by the manufacturers in their capital, stock, in trade, and book debts put together (cheers). He wanted to know then whether they were to be held up as a trifling and unimportant portion of the community? (cheers), whose interests were to be devastated, and their property rained on the edict of a millocrat (renewed cheers.) Did they think that Cobden, with all his threats, could visit them with any calamity more terrible, with any visitation more frightful than free-trade had inflicted on them? (cheers and cries of "no.") If this system were to continue to obtain, they must expect nothing but a loss of caste and reputation, he should expect that his wife

would be driven from her home, and his children reduced to the condition of paupers; could they think of a consequence more frightful and revolting? He believed that with free-trade no earthly power could save them from utter and entire ruin, except such a few as were possessed of unlimited capital. Nothing could save them but a return to protection. Come then what may, cost what it may, peril what they may, let them risk all, dare all, and brave all, rather than submit to such inflictions (cheers.) Let them tell Cobden that they smiled at his threats, and scoffed at his predictions (renewed cheers.) Let them tell him that the worst that could overtake them had befallen them and that the next revolution of the wheel must elevate them, for they were at the bottom now (deafening cheers.) What! was he to move the child of his flesh and blood to make room for the children of the stranger? Was he to drive his own labourers from his fields, men who were born on the land, who had for years breathed the same atmosphere with himself, in order to make room for the produce of the foreigner? Was that Christianity? Was that founded upon the principles inculcated in the high boom which gave laws for the governance of all? They were told that there was no man more hateful to God and his fellow man than he who neglected his own household. Mr. D'Israeli had said on the Tuesday previous "Mr. Cobden thinks he can frighten the farmers of the kingdom, and he has a right to think so, for he has frightened a Prime Minister." Now he, Mr. Ball, could safely say, that whatever might have been the effect of Cobden's threats upon Sir Robert Peel did not enter into the question, for the farmers of England were made of sterner stuff and were not to be frightened by a good many Cobdens. He should look at the question as it affected the labourer and the tenant. Mr. Moseley has said that he would not touch upon that part of the subject, but be (Mr. B.) would touch upon all that fairly and justly entered into the argument; he would speak what was the truth or he would hold his tongue (cheers.) He said then that the landlords ought to support and assist their tenants in such straits as this. He could not be happy as a landlord if, when prices were diminished and his cost of living proportion ably reduced, he were to take the full tale from an impoverished tenant (vociferous cheering). While the landlords were contemplating the taking the full measure of their rents, they might depend upon it that the tenant and the labourer when they met together calculated at which end of the scale relief ought to be given (cheers.) He held it to be a most important and urgent duty on all landlords to render what assistance they could to their tenants, and upon those who had advocated free trade it was obligatory, in compliance with every principle of right, with every principle of justice, that they should come forward and sustain their tenants, and avert the ruin which otherwise was likely to befall them (cheers). The case between a free-trade landlord and his tenant stood just thus, let them suppose A and B to be partners in a business. A (the landlord) is rich and wealthy, while B (the tenant) is the working partner and the man of smaller capital. A says he will introduce an alteration in the conduct of the business, against which B protests, on the ground that it will be ruinous. A., however, maintains contra, that it will be a capital thing, and as he is the more powerful of the two, the measure, in spite of B.'s entreaties, is ultimately introduced. The result proves to be ruinous to the concern. Well, A. has still plenty left, while B.'s minor capital is dissipated, and himself ruined. Now, he asked, would not A. Be bound to come forward and say, "Your ruin has been the consequence of the measure I introduced, and therefore I will reimburse the loss you have sustained by it." So by the free-trade landlords – (cheers) – they were bound to make good the losses of their tenants. After briefly alluding to Sir. R. Peel's letter to his tenantry, which he characterised as cold-blooded and heartless, and a *fac-simile* of the feelings of the man, he passed on to a high eulogium upon the late Lord Castlereagh, who, he said, in spite of the calumnies heaped upon him, was one of the most true-hearted and the best legislators that ever lived. He then compared the character of Castlereagh with that of his brother and successor in the possession of the estates, very much to the disadvantage of the latter, who had refused to help his tenants to struggle on under the infliction of the measure he had voted for, and told them "they must help themselves." Let them be firm and steady to their point – let them not be swerved by threats or cajoled by promises; the worst had befallen them; and in their present position every move must benefit them. Let them have stout hearts, firm resolves, and decision of purpose; let them be but true to one another, and he believed, as he was a living man, their flag would soon be waving at the topmast, their cause triumphant, and their enemy flying before them, while they once more had equal justice, equal protection, and equal laws for all classes of the community. Mr. Ball sat down amid the most deafening cheers.

Mr. Joseph Little, of Littleport, seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

The Chairman called upon Mr. Archer to move the next resolution, and passed some high but graceful and well-deserved compliments to that gentleman for the preeminent efficiency with which he had discharged the duties of Secretary to the Association, and the valuable service he had rendered in the promotion of the cause of Protection and generally to Agriculture.

Mr. Archer was requested to propose a resolution, and he readily responded to the call, considering it to be the duty of every landowner to stand by the farmers in the present critical position of agricultural affairs, and to aid them in their endeavours to seek redress for the wrongs inflicted upon the landed interest by the Legislature. In supporting the principle of an import duty on foreign agricultural produce, he did not consider he was doing injustice to any class of the community. All that the farmers required was equality of taxation as respected the foreigner, and equality of protection as regarded the other producing classes in this country(hear, hear). Could any thing be more just and reasonable? The farmers protested against the palpable injustice of being compelled to sell their produce at foreign prices, and to buy the articles they required at British prices, enhanced by British taxation (hear, hear). By the repeal of the Corn-laws, the legislature introduced a maximum price for corn, not regulated by its natural price here arising from supply and demand, but controlled and determined by the cheapest corn producing countries abroad, where the climates and seasons were more favourable for bringing the fruits of the earth to maturity, and where British taxation was unknown. The minimum price of the sliding scale was taken away, and a maximum price substituted, based on an erroneous and unjust principle (hear, hear). The Free-traders, or free-importers, as he should call them, were constantly referring to former periods of depression when the Corn-Laws were in force; but these prices were not occasioned by an excess of foreign supply. In 1821, only two quarters of wheat were imported which was barely sufficient for three month's support of an ordinary sized family; and in 1822, not a bushel. Foreign importations did not, therefore, then influence the market. The truth was, the prices of those years arose from a sudden and violent action upon the currency which reduced the Bank-note issues from about 48 millions to less than 27 millions. The price for those years were 54s. 5d and 43s. 5d per quarter. In 1834 and 1835, the importations were 93,000 quarters, from which no effect, as regards prices could be produced on a consumption for the two years, amounting to upwards of 30 millions of quarters. Now, in 1848 and 1849, the importations have amounted to about 8 millions of quarters, and it was very remarkable that the foreign supply for 21 years, from 1814 to 1835, altogether amounted only to 10,338,542 quarters; thus showing that the importations for the two years of an open trade have only fallen short to the extent of about two millions of quarters of the entire importations of 21 years under the Corn-laws (hear, hear). Did not these facts speak volumes as to the effect of the recent importations upon prices? And did they not scatter to the winds all the statements and arguments of the Free-traders as to the inefficacy of the Corn-laws in controlling importations? (Hear, hear). There was an important subject connected with the importations, which he thought the Legislature had lost sight of. Many present might not be aware that in most of the European States a tax, called an oxtrol tax, was levied on corn and other articles brought into the towns for consumption. It varied in amount in different States, and in different towns in the same states. In France, the charges were, for two oxen, from 10s. to 20s. (about 3d per stone); meat ½d per lb.; live sheep, 1s 2d to 1s 8d; pigs 4s 2d to 11s 10d. He thought there must be some mistake as to the quotations for pigs. Now, the cattle imported from France escaped the oxtrol tax, and thus the importers started for the British markets with an advantage of from 3d to 7d per stone over the British graziers and this Independent of the benefit derived by the exemption from British taxation – (hear, hear). In Belgium and Holland the oxtrol duties on cattle and meat were somewhat higher, particularly at Amsterdam and in North Holland. This tax also extended to wheat, and it amounted to about 3½d per stone on the flour, and 7s per quarter on the wheat. In Dantzic the prices were still higher, and amounted, on an average to about 8s per qr. on the wheat, affording a remarkable coincidence with the fixed duty suggested by Lord John Russell. There were similar duties at Hamburgh, but he had not seen the tariff. Was it not, then, a monstrous act of injustice to the British farmer, that the foreign farmer should escape his own octrol tax, and not be subject to a similar duty in England (hear, hear)? The tax operated in favour of the foreigner as a bounty upon

exports, and as against the British farmer as a bounty upon imports. He maintained that, if an octrol tax existed on foreign corn and cattle consumed abroad, common justice required that a similar duty should be levied on foreign produce consumed here – (hear, eear, hear). He should like to ask Sir Robert Peel and Mr. Cobden, whether they could reconcile this state of things to their sense of justice. The Legislature would do well to take up the subject seriously. They ought to take warning by the present unhappy condition of Ireland, and of some parts of the western highlands of Scotland, where many thousands of acres were uncultivated and abandoned by the tenantry, yielding only nettles and weeds, in lieu of food for the sustenance of man – (hear, hear); where whole villages were depopulated, and their luckless inhabitants fled to foreign shores, deserting the land of their nativity, and severing themselves from their nearest and dearest connections, and leaving in many cases their aged relatives with no other alternative than imprisonment in the union house, or to perish in the fields; which such calamities were brought upon a nation it well behoved the legislature to take care that similar evils were not brought about this country. Who, he would ask, were to benefit by free-trade? Why, the rich manufacturer already wallowing in his wealth, and persons of fixed income. At the very time when the manufacturers went whining and moaning to the legislature for the repeal of the Corn-Laws, and when, from their lamentations, it would be imagined that 12d in the quarter loaf stood between them and the union house, they were embarking millions upon millions in railway investments. No less than nineteen individuals in the town of Manchester alone made investments of from £100,000 to £300,000 each, averaging from £210,000 to £220,000. Where is the tenant farmer to be found who is an owner of railway stock to the amount even of £10,000? A few months ago a manufacturer dies, whose returns at 2½ per cent it was said, realised a profit of £50,000 per annum. What would be the same per centage produce on farming investments? Why, a farm of 500 acres would just realised 100 per annum. The landlords should consider well the present position. They had great interests at stake, for he entirely agreed with Mr. D'Israeli, that high rents and low prices would not long co-exist. He would advise them to be firm and united, and not to suffer any internal dissentions to mar their efforts. Their cause was a just one and would eventually triumph. They had many powerful opponents to contend with, and amongst them the Times paper; but the weapons that journal resorted to were principally sarcasm, ridicule, and abuse. It was seldom it attempted to grapple with fact or argument. He moved the third resolution (cheers).

Mr. James Cropley, in seconding the resolution, said his duty was an easy and a light one, as the subject had been so fully entered into and elucidated by the preceding speakers. In fact nothing remained for him but to second the resolution. He entirely concurred with the resolution, and the method proposed for the presentation of the petitions to the Throne and Houses of Parliament. He thought the proposed method the most legal and legitimate one of laying their grievances at the feet of the legislature, although he must acknowledge that he had but little hope of the obtainment of redress from the present House of Commons, or the existing Ministry. (Cries of "turn them out"). He trusted that the gentlemen entrusted with the charge of the petitions would get them as numerously and respectably signed as possible, for in that were their only chance of success. He hoped that they should be enabled exemplify to the legislature the true feeling of the inhabitants of the Isle too. He knew that there were a few honest and conscientious men in the Isle, who did not see the necessity of a return to protection – give these but a few months, however, and let them become cognisant of the distress that had befallen their agricultural brethren, and then he had no doubt that as honourable men they would turn round and say "we see the necessity of protection." And join the protectionist ranks. He thought that the voice of the country would be finally in this direction and that it would be impossible for any ministry to stand against the claims of the producing classes for more than 6 or 12 months. There would shortly be a dissolution, and it would then be found that more than three-fourths of the new Irish members would be arrayed against Free Trade. ("More than that"). They had now a great many friends as members of the Counties, but they might at a fresh election expect to gain a great many Members for the Boroughs in Agricultural districts. The tradesmen of the Boroughs, and would soon declare that they had had enough of it. Should the present ministers attempt to parch up protection, they would do it in so slovenly a way, that he would rather with 6 or 12 months until they found themselves incompetent to carry on the business of the country and that they were obliged to resign their charge into the hands of more

honest and more able men, who were the friends of the producing community. Let them be firm, honest, and consistent, for they had powerful enemies arrayed against them. They had Mr. Cobden threatening the constituencies (cry of "he is but one man,") they had Sir Robert Peel's assurance that there was no hope of a return to protection, and little or none of a reduction of rents (cry of "20 per cent"), that 20 per cent was for the improvement of his own estate (cheers). He (Sir R Peel) had said that if there were those farming who only grew five coomb an acre where they ought to have grown ten, that these were beaten by their own neighbours, and not by the foreigner, and there he agreed with the honourable baronet; he had no commiseration with such farmers, and they deserved none, but he would like to know where was he farmer, who, let him possess the greatest exertion and energy, let him strain every nerve, could under the present circumstances shew a profit on his farm with a produce of 10 coomb per acre (cheers). Let them be but firm and united, and with the assistance of the new Irish and County Members victory was certain, though those that were arrayed against them were powerful, they still were to be overcome, and they would once again see Old England tenanted by a happy, a prosperous, and a loyal people. (cheers.)

The petitions were then read, addressed to the Throne the Lords, and Commons.

Mr. Peter Huddlestone then proposed that the petitions just read be adopted. He said that he would not trouble the meeting with many observations; he was but a small owner in that district; but he thought it his bounden duty to attend that meeting when such grave subjects were to be taken into consideration (hear, hear) l and he could but wish that all landlords and tenants would make it an imperative duty to attend such meetings, to give them sanction, by their presence, to the proceedings (cheers). They could not, it was evident, continue in the position in which they were now placed. If nothing were done to alter their unfortunate position, they must retrograde day by day, week by week, month by month. The importations from abroad now exceeded the expectations of the most sanguine Free-traders (hear, hear). It never, for a moment, could have been anticipated that we should ever have received such importations of foreign corn (hear, hear). They were, however, told that these importations could not continue; but was it not just as probable that they should continue in the same ratio, if not a greater, than that they should decrease? Was it not a natural conclusion to be drawn that the foreigner, when he sold his corn, and took in exchange our gold, that he should apply that gold to the improvement of his land, and that it would consequently enable him to produce a greater supply for the British market? (Hear, hear; and cheers). His own opinion was, that under this injurious system of Free-trade, they would see prices go down still further – nay, from 40s to 16s or 20s per quarter ("No, no"). It was said that the foreign grower was selling his corn to us at a loss. Was this a reasonable conclusion? Was it likely that the foreigner would send us his corn at a loss? (Hear, hear). Why there was no doubt but that the foreigners could sell at a lower price than the present, and yet get a good profit. The presentation of a petition by the Secretary of State was a mere matter of form; as it might be to the House of Lords; but to the Commons it was not a matter of form -- there they could be heard. He did not wish to follow the system of the Free-traders, and look at every thing as a class interest (hear, hear); but he would say that this system of class legislation – this yielding to the manufacturers – would bring down destruction upon the agricultural interest, and eventually bring ruin and destruction on the manufacturers themselves (hear, hear). They had heard a good deal of the necessity now for a dissolution of Parliament, and when this did take place, and it mattered not how soon, it behoved the farmers to be united – let them bear this in mind, and their victory was certain. Union was strength (cheers). All feelings of friendship - all feelings of personal respect - must be thrown aside (cheers). They must have none others but honest, uncompromising Protectionists (loud cheers). If any one represented them that was not of his character, let him at once resign (cheers). He was glad to see one of their representatives present. Why the others were not there he did not know; their letters were read before he came into the room. He presumed that they had notice of the meeting; but this he would say, that if they did not pledge themselves to support protection, let them at once resign (loud cheers). To get back protection must now be their whole and sole aim. The agriculturists were entitled to it, and the justice of their cause entitled them to it. He concluded by moving the 4th resolution (loud cheers).

Mr. Phillip Smith, of Fordham, requested the indulgence of the meeting while he offered a few observations. He appeared before them indisposed, but he considered that the importance of the subject they had met upon rendered his attendance imperative (loud cheers). He did not present himself before them as an occupier, but he was deeply concerned in the prosperity of agriculture, and he would give it as his decided and conscientious opinion that the very salvation of the country depended upon what the agriculturists were now doing (hear, hear). He had read the proceedings of a Protectionist meeting which had occurred the other day, at Huntingdon, and there one of the speakers was represented to have said, in his advocacy of Free-trade doctrines, that "there are, by the will of Providence and the constitution of the soil, certain things that one country can produce cheaper than another, and certain other things that that other country can produce with less labour, and with less capital, than the former country. Providence had wisely ordained this, in order to promote national intercourse between nations." (hear, hear). But he (Mr. Smith) contended that there was a vast difference between the ordination of Providence and His permissive will (hear). What God ordained was sure to be for our good; but often in His wisdom, what He permitted was opposed to our interests. We were told in the sacred writings that kings, by his permission, often brought destruction upon countries over which they reigned. Suppose that their excellent Chairman was presiding over a similar meeting to this in America, he would say that such was the nature and constitution of their soil that they could grow an abundance of cotton, and when they had, by their efforts, grown enough for themselves, they could then supply foreign nations. But here we were on British ground. It pleased Providence that the constitution of their soil would not enable them to grow cotton, coffee, or sugar, but wheat, barley, oats, and pulse; and, therefore, it behoved them to grow all they could for their own supply. They had many natural, and he might say, artificial wants, and if we could send out our manufactures and get those things in exchange which we could not grow at home then were home manufacturers friends to their country (cheers). So far Free-trade held good; but by the too liberal importance of corn, which was produced at home, the more the cultivation of the soil prospered the better for the manufacturers. He could demonstrate this most clearly. When he first went to reside in Fordham, the population of that place was about 800, and this had since been doubled. There were no more acres, but the parish had been inclosed, they had a different race of farmers, the land was in full cultivation, and the consequence was, that the moral and social condition of the people had been improved, and a double demand created for manufacturer. As the people rise in the scale of society, they had extra demands for clothes and other articles which they would not have thought of before, such as tea, coffee, and other luxuries. The manufacturers were thus enabled to export a larger quantity of manufactures in order to exchange them for these commodities, and thus the manufacturers now exported more by three-fifths, than they did 30 years back. In answer to the question of Earl Fitzwilliam, as to what the agriculturists had done, he would reply that that nobleman should endeavour to acquire a little more wisdom to qualify himself for the office of senator, and should study a subject well before he went to a public meeting and contradicted assertions of facts connected with it, made by gentlemen better versed in the matter than himself. He (Mr. B) said that bogs had been reclaimed, and uncultivated wastes brought into culture, the productive power of Salda previously cultivated had been improved. He could hardly trust himself to make an observation on the assertion made by another gentleman, that it was in accordance with the provision of Providence that the Corn Laws were abrogated. When he thought upon the farms broken up, the houses dispersed, and the hearts broken in consequence, he might think that the almighty, in his infinite wisdom, had allowed the visitation as a punishment for own transgression, had he contended thus the changes had been brought about by evil councillors and Satanic influence. If our beautiful system was to be destroyed – if a temple was to be raised to monopoly, for free laws to revel in – he repeated that it was not produced by the ordination of the Almighty, and it would be found to be a system of extravagance and not accuracy, for they would find that they paid the greater for the lesser sum. A reverend gentleman in the neighbourhood of St. Ives had stated, as one of the advantages derived from free trade, that our exports had harvested nine millions. Now it was true that the exports this year had increased ten millions, but that was steaded by other circumstances, not ominous of the good of the country or the products of the soil. They would see by the import returns that the quantity of oil-cake introduced into this country as less by 17,000 tons than in the previous year, proving that the farmers could no longer afford to pay what they had previously been in the habit of doing, for the improvement of the

culture of their land. It had now come to this, that thousands and thousands were driven abroad to seek a living which they could not find at home; our population had come to a stand-still, and this must necessarily lessen the demand for manufactures for home consumption. To the question whether it was proper to make the manufacturers pay high prices for corn in preference to going elsewhere? he replied that he had never been an advocate of high, but only of remunerative prices. It had been asked whether the English farmer could compete with the foreigner, and he said yes he could, if he were placed in the same position. The foreigner had not out national debt; and he thanked the gentleman in the gallery for having reminded him of this incubus, and told him in return that it was incurred in order to push manufactures and to protect our commerce in various parts of the world; and in contributing to this, the farmer of this country did what the farmer abroad did not do. The effect of the imposition of a fixed duty of 6s., would be no relief to the farmer, but would just amount to this, that the price abroad would be reduced 2s; and as there was at the present time a duty of 1s., the import duty would virtually amount to 3s only (cheers). No sooner did free trade come into operation in this country than the price of corn and the rent of land were both raised on the continent; and if the system were to continue, ruin, anarchy, and confusion must, as Mr. Ball had said, ultimately ensue. Let their motto be "Unity and perseverance;" let the righteousness and justness of their cause be their stimulants; let them depend on the unerring principles of truth – they were asking what was only just and fair towards all classes – and they must ultimately succeed, as the eyes of men were beginning to be opened. A cordially seconded Mr. Huddlestone's resolution.

Mr. Huddlestone said he had hitherto been a firm supporter of Mr. Yorke. Their resolutions all went for Protection. It was evident that Mr. Yorke's letter had no hopes of protection; he did not wish to break the harmony of the meeting. If they thought it advisable, especially after what had fallen from Mr. Townley, he would embody all three of the members in his resolution.

The Chairman here intimated that Mr. Townley wished to address the meeting.

Mr. Townley M.P., said if he did not feel the importance of this question, and the necessity for protection to native industry and agriculture, he had better, perhaps have stayed away; and, perhaps, some who had read the Cambridge Chronicle might think that, as it was, he had better have remained away. Now for the benefit of those who had not read the Cambridge chronicle, he would read what that Journal had said of him, -

"Mr. Townley voted for the repeal of the Navigation Laws." Now that was true, and he did not dispute it. The Chronicle then went on – he would read the whole and garble nothing – "which is just as much a free-trade measure as the repeal of the corn Laws; and he has given a general support to the free-trade legislation of the present government. Some years ago he was in favour of a half-and half sort of protection in the shape of a duty on corn; but he seemed to have abandoned even that in a speech made by him about a year ago in the County Courts of Cambridge. In one word, Mr. Townley is only the shadow of Lord John Russell; and for all practical purposes connected with the present movement, he is as much a free-traders as Mr. Cobden, unless a change has come over him recently, which we do not believe."

Now upon what authority the Editor had made that attack upon him he was at a loss to understand. The Chronicle had stated too that in those stirring times he was not fit to represent the county, and that men made of sterner material were wanted. Now he thought it very probable that the Editor knew some gentleman who was ready to take his place, and there were many aspirants to it, and so thought it advisable to fire that off against him. Now as very few of the farmers had leisure to read the London papers, as most of them saw only the county paper, and the Chronicle boasted of having a large circulation in the county, the object of the Editor was at once apparent. He was not particularly anxious to speak at any time, and the more especially when the subject was himself, but he was anxious to place himself in his proper position. Now, on his own behalf, he must say this, he never had flinched nor shrunk from any declaration he had made. Whether the name were popular or unpopular, he did not scruple to avow himself still a Whig (hear). But that did not prevent him having the same deep feelings towards those who surrounded him, amongst whom and

by whom he lived, and he begged them to understand that when their interests were affected, so in like manner, at least, were his own. Again, when the present Prime Minister proposed in lieu of the sliding scale a fixed duty, he (Mr. Townley) voted against that proposition, and yet this man ventured to say (here Mr. Townley got very irate) that he was a half-and-half sort of protectionist. Now he voted against the fixed duty, and he defied the Editor of the Chronicle or any body else to say that that was not the fact. They knew it and knew it well, and the reward he met for it. He was turned out after having had regular notice to quit (cry of "so you will be again"). He did not choose to put his friends to the expense and inconvenience of a contest, and the more especially as he was succeeded by an excellent friend for whom he entertained the deepest affection, and from whom he never differed in his life except upon political grounds. That much respected gentleman was now deceased, to the deep regret of the whole locality, himself, and friends. He (Mr. T.) then succeeded him, and no Editor or anyone else should dare with impunity to take liberty with his name, and the more especially as he knew, and indeed they all knew that the article he had read was a tissue of calumny and untruth. He had come to that meeting with great pleasure. The chairman had kindly sent him the report of the committee, and he had read it with much pleasure – it was clear, temperate, and forcible, and certainly all the speeches of the day would do credit to any assembly in the world. He did not want to compliment any body – he did not want to ask votes, even if they were on the verge of an election – but he did say this, if remarks had been made on Mr. Cobden he had richly deserved them; but those remarks had been made with a temper and discretion which did credit to those who uttered them. How desirable it would be if Mr. Cobden, instead of having recourse to mischievous observations respecting interests to which he did not belong, and of which he knew nothing, although he boasted his farm in Sussex, would follow a similar course (cheers). Much as he admired Mr. Cobden's ability and perseverance, there certainly was an impertinence and presumption about him which he thought no Englishman would readily succumb to (hear). With the general tenor of the resolutions he cordially agreed. He had shewn that he voted against a fixed duty, and his vote did not help to keep that government in power; they were turned out and were succeeded by an administration formed by Sir Robert Peel, and the relation between that government and the agriculturists, the latter well knew (groans and laughter). He (Mr. T.) had said when at Cambridge, that the sliding scale when abandoned, would never return, and that had been misconstrued, he meant protection in that shape; but he asserted that to protection, the landlord, the tenant, and the labourer were entitled (cheers). It was easy to bring charges, but he asserted again that his affections would always be on the side of those among whom and by whom he lived; he should be the last man to destroy their hopes, he felt that they were entitled to protection, and that they would have good ground for complaint if their deep and pressing wants were not attended to and relieved (cheers, cry of "that's all half," and laughter).

Mr. Huddlestone asked if the letters were there from the other two Members?

Mr. Ball: Yes, the Chairman has both letters, and it is only fair, that as Mr. Townley, has been the exponent of his own sentiments, the letters from the other two members should be read (cries of "yes, certainly, read, read," and great uproar?

The Chairman: That being the wish of the meeting, I can have no hesitation in reading them. I think it right, however, to say that I saw Mr. Yorke in Cambridge, at the Quarter Sessions. I invited him to be present; and he promised to attend. I find, however, from his letter, that illness now prevents him. The Chairman then read the letters, as follows:-

Canterbury Barracks, Jan. 8th, 1850.
"My Dear Sir,
Your letter of the 4th instant has but just reached me. It will not be in my power to attend in person on Thursday, for a district Court Martial, of which I am a member, is ordered to assemble at Maidstone on that day; but my sympathies will be with you, and I doubt not your measures will be such as I shall cordially and conscientiously approve. It will give me unfeigned satisfaction to present and support any petition which may be approved of by the meeting, having for its object a speedy recurrence to the equitable principle of preferring our own industry to that of foreign lands.

I remain
Most faithfully yours,
Geo. Manners.
"Wm. Layton, Esq."

Mr Dear Sir,
I was so fatigued with the duties imposed on me at the County Courts last Friday, that I have been advised to renounce the intention I had formed of being present at your meeting at Ely on Thursday next, which I must on all accounts regret.

I ventured, however, to declare my opinions last year at the County Courts meeting, on the subject of agricultural difficulties occasioned by low prices, and from those opinions I am not inclined to depart; and the most I should be able to do, if present on Thursday, would be to repeat them.

Let me, however, add this, that I sincerely wish for sake of the farmers, that the question was permanently settled. In spite of what may be advocated by greater authorities on the subject of a recurrence of the laws of 1815, or 1828, or 1842, I may say that no signs at present visible warrant any such conclusion. On the contrary, past experience and present phenomena appear to me to exclude all hopes of legislative interference on the principle of those laws. I feel myself bound to say this, I own, further, that I am far from thinking that the present agitation is at all conducive to the welfare or prosperity either of Landowners or Tenant; I feel sure that you will have no settlement of this perplexing and intricate question, which may be relied on as permanent, if the bulk of the people of this country do not consider it reconcileable with perfect justice. That which would be a fair and just basis appears to me to be shortly this; that the foreigner should be made to pay a toll for the introduction of his goods and produce into our markets, and co-existent with such levy there should be an entire review of, with the purpose of remodelling, the taxation of the country – so that there be a fairer and more equal (by being more general) distribution of local and state burdens.

These are the points which, in my judgement, should be insisted on.
Believe me,
My dear sir,
Very truly yours
Eliot Yorke
Wimpole, Jan 9th, 1850

After the Chairman had read Lord G. Manner's letter, there was vociferous cheering; but after Mr. Yorke's was read, the most dismal groaning followed, with cries of "turn him out" "we'll have no more of him," etc. etc.

Mr Huddlestone then proposed that the petition to the Commons be presented by Lord G. Manners, and Mr. Townley.

The Chairman then said that it was evident that Mr. Yorke said no more than Mr. Townley, and Mr. Townley had said not more than Mr. Yorke (cry of "turn them both out," which was vociferously cheered.) He had asked Mr. Yorke the other day, if he would present the memorial to the Queen, praying for the dismissal of the Ministers; and he said, certainly he should have no objection; so that he did not see that the meeting could fairly exclude Mr. Yorke. An election was not now far distant, and then they could act as they thought proper, by their representatives. Mr. Townley he thought would know what course to take. He certainly recommended that the petition should be placed in the hands of all three (cheers, and no, no.)

Mr. Townley, M. P., said he could not, having been so long connected with Mr. Yorke in friendship and as a fellow-labourer as their representative, help feeling most deeply grieved that the petition should be placed in his hands to the exclusion of Mr. Yorke (groans, and cries of "oh!"). He did not

believe that a more strictly honourable man than Mr. Yorke ever entered the House of Commons (renewed uproar, and cries of "He wont go there any more"). That might be, but for his own part he could not see in that letter any expression which should preclude Mr. Yorke from taking an equal part with themselves (Mr. T. and Lord Geo. Manners). Mr. Yorke was utterly undeserving such a slight, and if his name were excluded, then he (Mr. T's.) own was equally worthy of being so. Mr Townley then reiterated the course he had taken with regard to the sliding scale, and said that though they were of the same opinion with regard to that, they were of one mind with regard to the protection which ought to be afforded to agriculture.

On what ground Mr. Yorke was to be excluded in so unhandsome a manner, he was at a loss to discover (groans). He felt for Mr. Yorke as much as though he were placed in the same position ("so you shall be" and great laughter); indeed he could not submit to it (renewed laughter) he felt that his name was equally worthy of exclusion as Mr. Yorke's ("very well; out with both of 'em;" cheers, and laughter).

Mr. Huntingdon Martin proposed as an amendment, that Lord. G. Manners and Mr. Townley present the petition.

Mr. W Bennett, of Cambridge, rose in the gallery, and on being recognised was received with loud cheers, he begged to second the resolution just proposed, and would give his reason for so doing. He must say that he thought the position of the two members, Mr. Yorke and Mr. Townley, were widely different. Mr. Townley had appeared there at a time of general excitement among the farmers, and in an honest and upright manner, had stated how far he could support their views, and had expressed himself quite willing to support the prayer of their petition, although he doubted whether they would succeed in getting back the sliding scale. Mr. Townley stated that he had opposed Lord John Russell in 1841, and he was still of opinion that protection was necessary to the agricultural interest: whereas Mr. Yorke, on the contrary had so far from supporting the views of the farmers in the communication which had just been read to the meeting, implied a censure upon their proceedings, which, at a time like the present, when every farmer found his property frittered away by the set of the legislature, and nothing but ruin staring them in the face, was throwing a wet blanket upon the meeting. He (Mr. B.) therefore thought like the gentlemen who had just spoken, that the position should be placed in the hands of Lord Geo. Manners and Mr. Townley.

Mr. Charles Wooll asked of what it was to give their petition to gentlemen who did not go fully with the meeting. Lord Charles Manners spoke out honestly for protection (hear, hear). What need, therefore, to pester such gentlemen as Mr. Yorke or Mr. Townley with their notices of protection. They had any number upon whom they could rely for honesty, integrity, and zeal. They considered place their in better hands; but then therefore protect their petition in his hands (cheers), for he was the man after their own hearts. He should propose therefore an amendment upon the amendment, and that a better one (loud cheers). A good deal had been said about delusion; and surely nothing could be a greater delusion than to entrust their cause in the hands of men in whom they could have no confidence. Lord G. Manners was, in the true sense of the word, a protectionist. He nobly stood aloof from party feeling, and he hoped the meeting would not hesitate to adopt his amendment, viz., that the petition be entrusted to Lord C. Manners alone (cheers).

Mr. Balls (of Ely), seconded Mr. Wooll's amendment.

Mr. H. Martin withdrew his amendment.

The Chairman put Mr. Wooll's amendment, when about half the court held up their hands in its favour; when, however, the show was demanded on the contrary, not more than three hands were held up. The resolution as it stands in the advertisement was then carried.

Mr. Hicks in proposing the fifth amendment said, that he appeared to bear testimony of the sympathy for this movement and with the occupiers of the fens borne by the owners of the light

lands. He had for years advocated the principles of protection to every branch of native industry, he claimed it not for the mother country only, but for the colonies, not for the landsman alone but for the sailor also, not for the occupier of land alone but for the manufacturers also, and not merely for the employer but for the labourer also – (cheers). Holding those opinions he had much pleasure in submitting a resolution to their notice. Under their present system the gaols and unions are full to overflowing, and the books of the county gaol presented an increase in committals of 100 prisoners over the number last year, while the number now in gaol amount to 100 per cent. more than at the same period two years ago. It was not the agriculturist alone that was suffering, but the trades too, the glover, and even the hardwareman of Birmingham were in the same predicament, while the needle-women of London were working for 4d a day. He advocated the presentation of petitions for a dissolution of Parliament in the event of protection not being accorded, and then it would be seen whether they were to be intimidated with the threats of Mr. Cobden from exercising their constitutional privilege in electing whom they thought fit to represent them. Such threats came with a very bad grace from a man who was getting up a scheme with the avowed object of over-awing the counties, and implied a doubt of how far he intended his new voters to be free and independent when he told those at present on the register that if they dare to exercise their privileges conscientiously they shall be ruined – (cheers). When the time for election came let them sink all paltry squabbles, let them fight for protection and that alone let them stand

Ely Agricultural Meeting
At a Meeting of the Ely Agricultural Society and of the Owners and Occupiers of land in the South Level of the Fens, held at the Shire Hall, in Ely, on Thursday the 10th January, 1850.
William Layton, Esq., in the Chair;

The following Resolutions were unanimously agreed to.
Resolved. That the present deplorable position of the agriculturists, arising out of the free admission of Foreign agricultural produce into this country, calls aloud for immediate remedial measures at the hands of the Legislature, and that this meeting concurs in the views of the Committee of this Society so fully expressed in the Report this day presented by them, and adopts the Report.
That an humble petition be presented to her Majesty beseeching her to direct the attention of the two Houses of Parliament to the depressed state of the agricultural interests of this kingdom, and to request these bodies to reconsider the laws affecting the importation of Foreign corn and cattle, and also to adopt such measures as shall secure to all producing classes of the community, just protection from Foreign competition, and restore this country to the state of prosperity it enjoyed before the recent disastrous experiments of Free Trade were made, and which have so signally failed.
That petitions to both Houses of Parliament in accordance with the sentiments of this meeting be signed and presented, and that similar petitions be sent to the neighbouring towns and villages for signature of the resident owners and occupiers of land, and other inhabitants interested therein.
That the petitions produced at the meeting be adopted, and that the petition to her Majesty be transmitted to one of Her Majesty's Secretaries of State, and that the Committee of the Society be requested to place the petition in the hands of the Earl of Hardwicke, or some other Peer to be presented to the House of Lords, and the Lord George Manners be requested to present the one to the House of Commons.
That the Chairman and any two members of the Committee who can make it convenient to attend be appointed a deputation to attend in London on the assembling of Parliament, for the purpose of communicating personally with the Members for the county on the subject of the petitions agreed to at the meeting, and of co-operating with the Central Protection Society, and Committees of other Protection Societies in watching the proceedings in Parliament and promoting the great objects which those Societies in general have in view.
That if some measures approved generally by the protection societies in the Kingdom be not introduced early in the session and passed into a law, or in satisfactory progress at the Easter recess,

the Committee be requested to convene a meeting of this Society as soon as may be convenient, to consider the propriety of petitioning Her Majesty to dissolve Parliament.
William Layton, Chairman
Ely, January 10th, 1850

Robbery at Ely
A large quantity of tea and other goods having been stolen off the trucks on the Eastern Counties line, at Ely, a search warrant was obtained and executed on the premises of Benjamin Warner, known at the Lynn stream as Captain Warner, who keeps a beer house at Ely, when more than 50 lbs of the best gunpowder tea was found, and other property supposed to have been stolen. Parties were enabled sufficiently to identify the tea and with other circumstances no doubt exists of Warner's guilt, and he was on Wednesday committed by the Rev. H. Fardell to take his trial at the next Cambridge assizes.

Accident
Some sheep belonging to Mr. Wm. Haylock, on Thursday last, strayed from the ground, across the ice, on to the railway, a short distance above the Ely station, when the 18 minutes past 2 train killed four of them in passing.

Whittlesey
Sir Harry Smith
We have pleasure in being able to contradict the report which has been in circulation for some days past respecting the services and dangerous illness of Sir. H. Smith. No such intelligence has been received either at the Horse Guards or at the Colonial Office; whilst private letters of the date of the 3rd of November, convey the gratifying assurance that the health of the gallant veteran was not only daily improving, but that he was again, able to take his accustomed long rides on horseback, without apparent fatigue or inconvenience.
Standard.
January 19 1850
Marriage at Ely on January 8, Mr William Ellis, draper, to Maria, youngest daughter of Mr. Christopher Legge.

Marriage on January 16th, at the church of the Holy Trinity, Ely, (by the Rev. Gilbert) Jesse Claxton Esq., solicitor, of Ely, to Miss Sarah Creak of the same place.

Classical and Commercial School
Fore Hill, Ely
Mr. Trigg sincerely offers his best thanks to his Friends for their continued patronage; assures them his utmost endeavours will be used to merit their confidence and respectfully announces that the duties of his school will be resumed on Monday, the 21st instant.

Country Markets
Ely, Thursday, Jan. 17
The prices of this day week were with difficulty obtained, except good barley, which was fully as firm.

	Quantity		Average		
	Q	B	£	S	D
Wheat	1314	2	1	19	5
Barley	68	0	1	6	11
Oats	45	0	0	13	0

Beans	50	0	1	4	6
Peas	31	4	1	7	0

The Protectionist Meeting at Ely

Sir, - Having signified my intention to attend the late meeting at Ely, and having also been invited to move one of the resolutions, I trust you will permit me, through the medium of your journal, to explain why, although a zealous protectionist, I was not present on that occasion. I have no fear that my friends in that part of the country will suppose that I despair of the cause of protection, or that I have become a convert to the delusive and insidious project of a fixed duty, whether for the avowed purpose of protection, or under the sneaking and flimsy pretext of revenue. But what I do fear is, that I might incur the reproach which so many landowners have justly deserved, of keeping aloof in the hour of peril, and leaving the tenant-farmers to bear the brunt of the battle.

The resolution to which I have alluded was in the following words, viz:-

"That if some measures, approved generally by the protection societies in the kingdom, be not introduced early in the session, and passed into a law, or in satisfactory progress at the Easter recess, the Committee be requested to convene a meeting of this society as soon as may be convenient to consider the propriety of petitioning her Majesty to dissolve parliament." Having been furnished by Mr. Archer with a copy of the resolution, I immediately wrote to him respectfully declining to move it, assigning as a reason, that I entirely concurred with the resolutions of almost all the protectionist meetings, in thinking, that the proper course to be pursed was, an immediate address to the Queen to dissolve the Parliament, and that I could not encourage any expectation of obtaining justice from the present House of Commons, which does not represent the feelings and opinions of the people whom they profess to represent, on the important question of protection. The proposed delay in petitioning the Queen appeared to me, I confess, to resemble very much a motion in parliament, that a bill be read that day six months. For after her Majesty has declined (as she undoubtedly will) to comply with the prayers of the great mass of petitions from other parts of the kingdom, it is not to be supposed that a solitary petition from the Ely Association would produce any effect.

In other respects the proceedings at the meeting were satisfactory. The low prices of agricultural produce at particular periods, under what is called a protective system, by which the free-traders have so often puzzled the protectionists, was very satisfactorily accounted for by Mr. Archer, by referring to the operation of Peel's currency measures. I regret that he did not go further and show, as he might have done, that under the currency law of 1819, there has not been, nor ever can be, any effectual and permanent protection. Mr. Cobden's boasted arguments that the land has been purchased subject to local rates, was well answered by Mr. Granger's observation, that if the level was then subject to the burden of local rates, it was also at the same time entitled to the privilege of protection.

But the most important proceeding at the meeting was the amendment moved by Mr. Charles Wooll, by which the petition to the House of commons was entrusted to Lord G. Manners only. Mr. Wooll, although one of those men whom the free-traders call "clod pates", was not so stupid as not to perceive the inconsistency of denouncing the treachery of Peel, and at the same time passing an implied vote of confidence in Mr. Townley and Mr. Yorke. He probably imagined that the tremendous conflict anticipated by Mr. Ball meant something more than a tremendous burst of eloquence followed by tremendous cheering. Mr. Wooll is evidently a man of action as well as words, and does not believe that the cause of protection would be strengthened by sending members to swell the ranks of its enemies in the House of Commons.

I have read, Sir, with attention, your comments on the parliamentary conduct of Mr. Townley, and his explanation at Ely, and I have no hesitation in saying that in placing his conduct in its true light, you have performed the part of an honest and really independent journalist. Besides his general support of a free-trade government, Mr. Townley, as you have stated, voted for the repeal of the Navigation Laws. There was, and there shall be, no mistake as to the object of his vote on that question. The free-traders, with whom he voted, made it no secret, that the object in repealing those

laws, was "to strip protection of its last rag," viz:- the expense of freightage of foreign corn. And Sir James Graham in the debate on the bill, implored the house to pass it "as the crowning measure of free-trade." I trust that one of the next steps will be to call upon Mr. Townley and Mr. Yorke to resign their seats.
As to the proposal to postpone the meeting until after the Easter recess, I protest against any such delay: and I trust that as soon as the intentions of her Majesty's ministers and the House of Commons to afford no relief to British industry shall be plainly evinced, the protectionists of Cambridgeshire and the isle of Ely will not be the last to join in the general movement which will then take place throughout the whole kingdom, and that they will be then prepared to pass and to carry into execution such resolutions as shall be necessary to protect their properties and persons from the hired ruffians of the free-traders. I do not say this from any belief that Mr. Cobden possesses that influence over the masses in the north which he is commonly supposed to have. I am well persuaded that it is a mere bugbear. But as he has intimated that the argument of force is to be substituted for the force of argument, it is our duty to lose no time in preparing for either alternative. The government (if we can now be said to have any government) is both unable and unwilling to protect us, and therefore we must protect ourselves, and use all those powerful means which we still possess to deliver ourselves from the tyranny and oppression of the vilest, the most sordid, and most reckless faction by which any country has ever been plundered and disgraced.
I am, Sir, etc
William Eagle.
Middle Temple, January 15th, 1850
P. S. It has been recommended at several meetings that the protectionists should encourage protectionist newspapers only, in which I cordially concur; and I also take the liberty of advising them to discourage those journals which support free-trade principles, and especially those which support Freehold Land Societies, one of which it appears has been set on foot in the town of Cambridge, for the purpose of swamping the county constituency, and foisting a Manchester free-trader upon the bona fide electors.

Isle of Ely
Ely
Caution
The magistrates have issued a notice to the corn dealers, that unless the proper returns are made to the Inspector the penalty of £20 will be enforced.
Vincent - Vincent, who as far as he dared on Thursday at the great protection meeting at Ely interrupted the speakers, and shrunk from the opportunity of gratuitously exposing his destructive and free-trade notions, although invited and promised by the Chairman a fair hearing, was to have had a show off on Friday last at Ely; but whether the display of commonsense, sterling character, and determination of purpose had the effect of frightening him, or whether his few admirers who under the garb of religion encourage him to create dissatisfaction and confusion, after going about the town persuading people to go to Mr. Legge's room and have "a six-pen'worth" could not find a sufficient number of weak mind people to make the spec answer, is not said: suffice it to say that very few indeed were disappointed, and but 3 or 4 out and outers were mortified and chagrined to find their attempt to create animosities and dissatisfaction a dead failure.
Shooting - Last week a shooting match between Partridge of Ely and William Sindle of Prickwillow came off, when Sindle was declared the winner, having killed within the distance 4 birds out of 10, the other only 3: and on Monday, near the Mildenhall Station, Partridge and Hensley shot for 4s a side, when the crack-man of Ely was again beat.

Railway
The good people of Prickwillow are about being accommodated with a railway station. Two or three parties are endeavouring to get it at the Mile's-end Drove; but if the public convenience is to be consulted in the matter, the bridge will be the place, as being nearest to the population, saving a toll, and most convenient for taking grain and goods off the river.

Eastern Counties Railway
Notice
On Saturday, 19th January, 1850, Flag Stations will be opened at the undermentioned Places.
At Chesterton, the Junction of the St. Ives Branch with the main line, two miles below Cambridge.
At Prickwillow, four miles from Ely, and three miles from Mildenhall.
The following Trains will call at the above-mentioned Stations when there are passengers to take up or set down.
The 6. 0. a. m. and 2.30. p. m. Trains from London
The 6. 40. a. m. and 2.30. p. m. Trains from Yarmouth
The 9. 29. a. m. and 2.0. p. m. from Cambridge, and
The 7. 00. a. m. and 5.55 p. m. from Wisbech, will also call at Chesterton when required.

Passengers wishing to alight are requested to signify the same to the Guard at the previous station.
By Order
Geo. Richardson, Superintendent.
London, Jan. 11, 1850
January 26 1850
Isle of Ely
Ely - On Sunday night last two mischievous persons turned two beasts worth about £25 out of the yard of Mr. James Cropley at Colemoor near Ely, and drove them into West Fen Drain where they were found on the following morning dead. The rascals have at present escaped detection.
Accident - As Charles Moseley, Esq., vice-Chairman of Ely Union, was driving through Littleport on Wednesday last his horse fell, which threw him out of his gig and put his shoulder out: for some time he remained in great agony. Dr. Muriel was sent for, but fortunately his skill was not required, as in taking off Mr. Moseley's coat the joint was accidently put right by the arm bone being turned into the socket of the shoulder bone, Mr Moseley providentially escaping any serous injury.
Caution to Commercial Gentlemen, Travellers and the Public generally; and Notice to the Directors of the Eastern Counties Railway, the Trustees of the Turnpike-Road, and the Surveyors of Ely.
On Tuesday evening last, two commercial gentlemen, (Messrs. Longstaff and Ullathorne), on their arrival at the White Hart Inn, complained of having been upset in passing the road under the railway at Ely station. The gigs were broken, and the gentlemen referred to considered it purely providential that they themselves were not smashed or seriously injured. Surely the impassable and dangerous state of this road under any circumstances will not be allowed to continue till the anxious parent of some expectant family shall be hurried out of his existence, through the wanton neglect of some one or other of the above-stated parties. How can strangers, in the evening or night, be aware of, or guard against the danger? The strange and singular indifference to, and apparent recklessness of consequences so serious; one party shifting the responsibility from the shoulders of themselves to others, no one being found to repair the road, but all acknowledging that it ought to be done; are these things, let it be asked seriously, to go on till at least the appalling sound shall ring in their ears, that some valuable life has been sacrificed? Although it is tedious, even dangerous (with high spirited horses), and annoying, to wait for crossing the line, yet this plan had better be resorted to at present, as the least of two evils, till something shall be done.

Eau Brink Drainage
A general half-yearly meeting of the Eau Brink Drainage Commissioners was holden yesterday, at the Lamb Inn Ely. The meeting was called for 11 o'clock, but it was 12 before business began. Notice had been given of an intention to propose the sale of "a sufficient portion of such part of the sands and old channel of the river Ouse as is situated above the lower Dam, to discharge any debts due from the Commissioners on any security or securities granted by them previous to the first of January, 1844;" and to rescind certain other resolutions of a contrary tendency, passed at Ely, on the 29th Jan., 1847, and at Chatteris, on the 29th July, 1848. Mr. Nix had also summoned the

Commissioners, by advertisement in our columns, "to vote for the sale of part of the Eau Brink land, to pay the debt, and so stop the payment of all tax, now and for ever." The meeting was consequently very numerously attended. The Rev. A. Peyton was in the chair, and there were nearly one hundred Commissioners present. When meetings of this sort occur on a Friday, it cannot be expected that we should give a very full report of them: the following will, however, be found to comprise all the main features of the proceedings.

The minutes of the last general meeting, and of the subsequent committee meetings, having been read, the next step was to read the opinion of Mr. Turner, Q. C., which was to the effect that the commissioners had no legal power to sell the proposed land. The opinion of Mr. Andrews and Mr. Wells, upon a case drawn up by Mr. Eagle, had also been requested; but a note was received from the former gentleman saying that they could not write out a satisfactory opinion in time for the meeting. The Clerk next read a notice from Mr. Wing, solicitor to the Norfolk Estuary Company, founded upon an opinion by Mr. Basevi, to the same effect as that of Mr. Turner, the effect of the notice being that the proposed sale would prejudice the company's security for the payment of the promised £60,000, and be a violation of the act passed last session, and that therefore the company would take such steps as counsel might advise, if a resolution for the sale of the sands should be passed.

Mr. Eagle explained what had taken place with regard to counsel's opinion, and said that in two consultations with Mr. Andrews and Mr. Wells, those gentlemen were in favour of the legality of the sale, and that they only delayed their opinion until they had seen that of Mr. Turner, which did not reach them until late the evening before. If they had agreed with Mr. Turner, they could have said so in two words; and he inferred from their delay that they were decidedly opposed to it. But his notion about counsel's opinion on modern Acts was that it was worthless until it had judicial confirmation. He was required to attend the consultations, not for the sake of his opinion, but on account of his knowledge of the various Eau Brink Acts; and he contended it was impossible for Mr. Turner to have read and digested all those Acts, so that his opinion had no weight. He admitted that the question was one which might admit of doubt; but if the construction put upon the Acts by Mr. Turner were correct, the Commissioners had not assistance which they could call their own. He had always held that it was the intention of the Norfolk Estuary Company to swamp the Eau Brink Commissioners, and to elect themselves into a supreme and ruling power through out the fen country (hear.) It was a trial of strength between the landowners and a company of joint-stock speculators whose only object was to make money. The notice served by Mr. Wing meant that the Company would apply for an injunction. That was just what he wanted, because there would be the opinion of a Court upon a very obscure Act; the costs of any injunction would not be great, and towards them he would gladly subscribe. Mr. Eagle went on to describe the grant of £60,000 as one of the most scandalous robberies every committed, as a nefarious job, characterised by duplicity and bad faith from beginning to end (hear.) The morality of the case was this. A is a person who wishes for some property belonging to B, but the law is against him: in arbitrary countries a man would perhaps dare the law; but it was not so hear. A wished to commit a dishonest action, and so he went to Parliament to get a law passed in his favour (hear, hear). When the Company applied to Parliament the committee of Commissioners betrayed their trust, and committed an act of treachery. He did not mean exactly such treachery as that of the Tamworth traitor, but still they were guilty of treachery. He would be glad to hear a moral discourse upon the subject from Mr. Ball, but unfortunately that gentleman was one of the delinquents (laughter). He denounced the committee for having suffered the Norfolk Estuary Bill to pass, with a cut of only four miles to sea, when the original clause was for a cut of ten miles, which clause was surreptitiously removed, when the end of weakening opposition was answered. The committee, he contended, did not introduce a single clause for the security of the country; the only clause of that sort was introduced by Mr. Day. Was not that a neglect of duty? Having remarked that there was no reason why the £60,000 should not swell into £180,000, denounced the conduct of Mr. Ball and the committee for not opening their mouths before the committee of the House of Lords, and compared the position of the commissioners to that of a traveller desirous of preserving his valuables from banditti, and proceeded to recommend the sale of the sands, as described above, and to contend that there was no

legal hindrance to their doing so, and that as three-fourths of them were unlet, it would be advantageous in a pecuniary view. An offer to sell the sands would perhaps by the most effectual way to raise the question between the Commissioners and the Company: if the opinion of Mr. Andrews and Mr. Wells should coincide with that of Mr. Turner, it would then be their duty to apply to parliament for relief.

After some conversation as to matters of form, Mr. Eagle moved the rescinding the motion passed in 1847, as detailed in the advertisements of the meeting, which Mr. Culledge seconded.

Mr. Ball, presuming that he was under the difficulty of appearing as the advocate of an unpopular cause, and that what he was told was true, namely, that the majority was now decidedly adverse to his view of the question, proceeded to defend himself against Mr. Eagle's remarks. He contended in detail that he and the committee had done nothing more and nothing less than that which they were specially appointed to do by very large majorities of the Commissioners at two separate meetings; and that it was ridiculous to suppose that he should open his mouth before committees of the Hose of Lords, especially when gentlemen in Whigs and gowns, feed highly, had held their peace. He never had any strong feeling in the matter of the union with the Estuary company; but he thought is would hardly be just to violate the arrangements that had been deliberately made. Adverting to the two adverse opinions of counsel, he suggested the propriety of adjourning the consideration of the question until the other opinions were given, and thought it not the proper means of dealing with great interests to hurry on a decision as it was proposed to do that day, in a way that was not a just or generous exercise of power. He regretted that there should be a revulsion of feeling in this question, but he thought that reason and proper discussion would bring the country back again to a more correct way of thinking. The legal expenses already incurred amounted to £2938: he conceived it would be a vast waste of public money to throw any more of it away in the same manner. Repelling with indignation the charge of fraud brought against him by Mr. Eagle, he moved that the matter be deferred for a month.

Some further conversation on matters of form took place, after which the rescinding of the motions passed in 1847 and 1848 was passed unanimously, by way of clearing the ground.

Mr. Eagle then moved "that a sufficient portion of such parts of the sands and old channel of the river Ouse as is situate above the lower Dam, be sold, to discharge any debts due from the Commissioners on any security or securities granted by the said Commissioners previous to the first day of January, 1848."

Mr. W. Nix seconded the motion.

Mr. Ball said that the amendment did not prevent the ultimate sale of the land if it should be so decided; but as they had taken the opinion of counsel on the subject, surely it would be the wisest plan to wait till they received it.

Mr. Layton said, after the eloquent address made by Mr. Ball, it was unnecessary for him (Mr. L) to detain them by any observations of his own; and after what had so recently appeared in a public print with regard to himself, the less he said the better; but whatever might be said or written of him he should every continue to advocate those principles which he considered conducive to the welfare of those bodies with whom he was connected. Mr. Layton then defended the conduct of the Eau Brink committee from the imputations cast upon it by Mr. Eagle, and said that £2000 had been paid for legal expences, by that board, through the opposition of those gentlemen with whom Mr. Eagle was mixed up. He did not wish to mention names, but the bill of one legal gentleman he saw present was £700, which was most monstrous. He hoped the question would be postponed for a month, to see the result of counsel's opinion; but if they persisted in taking a wrong direction an injunction would be moved for to restrain their proceedings, and ruinous expences would be incurred (hear.) He seconded the amendment.

The Rev. G. Townley, as an Estuary proprietor, defended the company from the attacks made upon it by Mr. Eagle, and said that if there were only two miles of the cut done instead of ten, Mr. Eagle must take some blame to himself. He (Mr. T.) was a sufferer of £500 by the Estuary scheme – he might be £5,000 – but he yet did not believe that the scheme would be disadvantageous to the shareholders. A practical man had told him the reclamation would not cost £100,000 more than the sums given by the Eau Brink Commissioners and the town of Lynn; and as to telling them there never would be an end of the tax, it was a mere bugbear to frighten the country. He alluded to the Duke of Portland being in favour of the scheme, and said that it was not at all likely that his Grace would put his name to anything dirty; and he (Mr. T.) believed that the Estuary would be the greatest boon that could be conferred on the country (hear).

Mr. Culledge, in reply to the observations of Mr. Townley, said, if the Estuary could be completed for £100,000 beyond what was given by the town of Lynn and the Eau Brink Commissioners, the Estuary company ought to be ashamed to taking those sums; and in reply to what had fallen from Mr. Ball, he said that that gentleman had spoken of two public meetings, while he carefully abstained from adverting to a third one which had been held on the subject, which would have given a different complexion to the case. A great deal had been said of the expenses of opposition; but they had been compelled to place themselves in an antagonistic position in defence of their own interests. They were asked to postpone the question for a few weeks, as there was to be a meeting of the Estuary company, to see what they were going to do; but, said Mr. C., let us show the Estuary company what we have done. Mr. Culledge then made some stringent comments upon Mr. Childers, and concluded by urging the meeting to adopt the resolution.

Mr. Bradfield said that on this question of selling the lands he had hitherto remained neutral; but as he was going to vote this time, he should explain the reason. He then attacked what he called the selfishness of the Estuary company, and said that Mr. Wing had stated before the commissioners who went to Lynn that if Mr. Stephenson's report was in favour of the Estuary scheme he firmly believed that all the shares would be taken, and all calls responded to; but Mr. Wing had been too sanguine. The company had not progressed.

After some explanatory observations from Mr. Townley, arising from what had fallen from Mr. Bradfield, all of which are of no public interest, Mr. Eagle in his reply confined himself to saying "Gentlemen, delays are dangerous."

The Chairman then put the question:-

For the amendment	14
For Mr. Eagle's motion, about	60

Mr. Eagle then proposed the names of the committee to carry out the resolution, when Mr. H. Martin and Mr. Layton both declined to act, and the names stood as follows:-
Messrs. Bradfield, J. Vipan, T. Granger, C. Culledge, C. Wooll, S. Mason, W. Nix, Saberton, and Ward.
The Chairman's name being mentioned, he begged to decline, as he should preside over their meetings with greater independence if not connected with committees.

It was then agreed that the meeting should be adjourned till the Thursday following the Whitsun meeting of the Bedford Level Corporation, to receive the report of the committee, who in the meantime will allot the land to be disposed of from time to time, as may be agreed upon, if not restrained by an injunction.

The remainder of the business was of no public interest.
February 2 1850

Country Markets
Ely Thursday, Jan. 31

A good supply of corn. Wheat bought freely at a decline of about 1s.; oats moved off slowly at a slight reduction.

	Quantity		Average Price		
	Q	B	£	S	D
Wheat	1626	0	1	16	6
Barley	118	4	1	5	1
Oats	1392	4	0	13	9
Beans	110	4	1	3	9
Peas	6	0	1	3	0

Isle of Ely Adjourned Sessions
Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the isle of Ely, will be holden by Adjournment, at the Guildhall, in March, in the said isle, on Tuesday, the 12th day of February next, at Twelve o'clock at noon, when the business relating to the Assessment, Applications, or Management of the isle Stock or Rates, will be done and transacted in open Court.
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Emigration
Several farmers, men of skill and capital, it is rumoured, contemplate adjusting their affairs and emigrating to Australia and America.
Accident - On Saturday evening last, two brothers, Daniel and William Jones, left their home (Stuntney) for the purpose of buying a cap, which being purchased they joined two other companies, and visited several public houses, drinking at each. Shortly after 12 o'clock at night they left the Crown, near the station, worse for what they had had, and proceeded towards home: when they got over the bridge the cap was blown off, and the washes being covered with water, Daniel ran into the water after his cap, but not being able to discover the ditch tumbled therein. His brother seeing his perilous situation ran three several times to pull him out, but being unable to discover him cried for assistance; his companions being in advance speedily obtained a ladder, poles, etc., from the Bridge Tavern, with which they were unable to find the body, until the Gotobeds, drawn thither by the cries, came with a boat, and shortly found the body, life being extinct. An inquest was held on Monday, before W. Marshall, Esq., coroner, and a verdict of accidental death returned.
The Hurricane - Citizens of Ely will long deplore the havoc of the hurricane of the 6th February, which completely spoiled the beautiful avenue of chestnut trees in the college, long the pride and delight of those accustomed to morning walks. The gale blew heavily all night, and in the morning trees, chimneys, chimney pots, windows, stacks and sheds fell before its influence; but we do not hear of any very serious individual losses.
Free trade - The poor man's wages fell with the price of corn, but farmers clung to the hope of a return to protection, and for a time submitted to the payment of high time prices. Daily do we hear of attempts to equalise matters. Bread stuff, the staple article of life, has undergone a sharp competition: the seconds at this time is selling in one part of our Union at 16d a stone, and in another, where the competition between the trade and the farmers does not exist, 20d; but it is just to say the quality of the latter is much the best. The salaries of the Union officers are to be reduced; allowances to all out-door paupers to be revised, with a view to reduction; the wages of mechanics

employed in the construction of agricultural buildings reduced; roads dreadfully and shamefully neglected; improvements stopped; tradesmen gaping for payment of bills; overseers weary of their office. It used to be no nobility like the nobility of the purse; but we see little of it now. How changed, how fallen the eastern corn markets of England, the lowest in the world. If this is to continue, which is impossible, confusion and dissatisfaction must prevail; but business men are resolutely setting about to see what zeal and perseverance can do. Many who little thought what free-trade would do, or that it would ever reach them, recoil when told they must work and do with less; they draw back from the screw, but it must reach them. The interests of all in the isle are so reciprocal that they must be met; the farmers do it reluctantly; they have driven it off, and now that hope appears far off such things must come; and if the necessaries of life are to keep cheap, labour of all sorts must be cheap, otherwise employment must be scarce.
February 16 1850
Marriages
On February 11th at Ely, Cambs, (by the Rev. S. Smith) Mr. H. Mumford of Cambridge to Mary Ann Adams eldest daughter of Mr. H. Adams, of Ely.

On February 13th at Ely, Cambs. Mr. Charles Clarke to Miss Taylor

Country Markets
Ely, Thursday, Jan 14

	Quantity		Average		
	Q	B	£	S	D
Wheat	1057	0	1	12	11
Barley	97	3	1	4	3
Oats	800	5	0	12	5
Beans	180	4	1	2	11
Peas	52	0	1	3	4

Ely Union
Relieving Officer Wanted
The Board of Guardians of the above Union will be prepared, at their Board Meeting to be holden on Thursday, the 28th February instant, to appoint a Relieving officer of the Ely district of this Union, vacant by the resignation of Mr. Jas. Henry Smith. The District comprises the parishes of Ely Trinity, Ely St. Mary, Littleport, Downham, and Witchford, and contained a population at the last census of 12,800.

The salary will be £70 per annum; and the successful candidate will be required to enter into a Bond with Two Sureties for the due performance of his office (himself in £100, and each Surety £100). Duties to commence immediately on the appointment.

Candidates must attend personally at the meeting, with testimonials of character and fitness; and the application of the candidate must be in his own hand-writing.
By order of the Board
W. Marshall, Clerk
Ely, Feb 14, 1850
Ely Fairs and Cattle Market, and Corn Exchange Company
A Meeting of the company will be holden at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday, the 21st of February instant, at seven o'clock in the evening.
Goodwyn Archer, Secretary

Isle of Ely
Ely Union
After the Guardians had unanimously decided that the salaries of all the officers should be reduced 20 per cent, which resolution was carried only by two, against one for a reduction of 25 per cent,

much interest was manifested as to whether the Commissioners would consent to such a large reduction. Their reply was received at the Board on Thursday, and was to the effect that they refused compliance with the resolution of the Board: this gave rise to much noisy discussion. Mr Smith, Relieving Officer of the Ely District, sent in his resignation: an advertisement was ordered for his successor, at a salary of £70, per annum, being a reduction of 30 per cent. We believe Mr. Smith retires with the esteem of the paupers, as well as the good opinion of the whole body of rate-payers, many of whom think his intelligence, industry, and civility not overpaid, and that he earns and well deserves the salary he has been receiving, it is said, that a reduction in some of the salaries might have been very properly made; but extending a measure of such a sweeping nature over all will have the effect of depriving the Union of the services of some officers which cannot be dispensed with, without a much larger sacrifice on the part of the rate-payers than such a reduction would make. It of course now remains to be seen whether the Commissioners will sanction the appointment when made at £70.

Broad Street, Ely
Public-House, Tenements, & Business Premises,
Extending nearly to the River, and also near the
Railway Station.
To be Sold by Auction
By Wentworth & Son
At the White Hart Inn, Ely, early in March, by direction
of the Mortgage, under a power of sale.
The Fox and Hounds Public House, several Tenements, Stable, Lime-Kiln, and Outbuildings; together with the Orchard, etc., at the back, very valuable as Wharfage or Building Ground.
N. B. – The above extends nearly to the Cutter Public-House, next the River.
Further particulars may be had of Messrs. A. & S. Peed, solicitors; or of Wentworth & Son, Auctioneers, Valuers, and Estate Agents, opposite Trinity College, Cambridge.
February 23 1850
Country Markets
Ely, Thursday, Feb. 21

	Quantity		Average		
	Q	B	£	S	D
Wheat	1154	6	1	11	6
Barley	256	0	0	10	4
Oats	835	0	0	12	3
Beans	123	4	1	2	1
Peas	6	4	1	5	0

Middle Level Drainage
Notice is hereby given, that the next General Meeting of the Middle Level Drainage Commissioners appointed under an Act passed in the 50th year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act for Improving and Drainage of certain Lands within the north and south-west parts of the Middle Level part of the Great Level of the Fens, commonly called Bedford Level," and under an Act passed in the 7th and 8th years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for Improving the Drainage and Navigation of the Middle Level of the Fens," and also under the "Middle Level Drainage Amendment Act, 1848," or any of them, will be holden at the George Inn, in Chatteris, in the Isle of Ely and County of Cambridge, on Thursday, the 7th day of March next, at Twelve o'clock at noon, pursuant to the directions of the said Acts, for the purpose of further proceeding to carry the said Acts into execution.
Geo. Game Day,
Clerk to the Middle Level Drainage Commissioners
Saint Ives, 18th February, 1850

Ely, Wages

The farmers are at last driven to the necessity of reducing both the number of their labourers and of the wages which they have been paying. When they find that in parliament their efforts to maintain the poor out of their own diminished means are turned into an argument against themselves, and that the success of free-trade is deduced from the voluntary drain upon their pockets, submitted to in order to keep their workmen out of the union, they begin to imagine that the time for exercising a charity so ill requited is at an end. With present prices they must reduce their expenditure in every possible manner; and the foremost thing to be laid hold of being the money paid for labour, the workman must suffer. We understand that in many districts in the Isle a reduction has already been made, and a further reduction within a short time is probable. The tradesmen in this city are already discovering the effects of free-trade: the complaint is, that they are "doing nothing" money is not to be had; a few book-debts are made, and the shop-keepers do not seem very sanguine in their expectation that all these will be wiped out. With a diminished income of from £250,000 to £300,000, it is not very likely that the farmers of the Isle can spend so much as they used with the grocer, the draper, the shoemaker, or the tailor. These classes will find out the "blessings" of free-trade in due season.

The Californian Boots - A young man named Collyer, formerly in the office of Mr. Bidwell, emigrated to California some months ago. He took a few articles with him on speculation, and amongst them a pair of boots. Soon after his arrival he sold these boots for £30 sterling, and found that he had made a bad bargain, for if he had "held" he might have realised a larger sum. An account of this transaction had just reached Ely, and has turned the heads of some of the citizens, who think dealing in boots in California more profitable than any sort of dealing in Ely at these free-trade prices. But they may comfort themselves by a very slight reflection. If boots are high, other things are in proportion. Mr. Collyer may have put his £30 into his pocket; but if he ate, and drank, and clothed himself, it did not long remain there. A week's board and lodging, we fear, made a great hole in the boots.

The Union - The Poor-Law Commissioners have refused to sanction the appointment of a relieving officer at the salary fixed by the Guardians on the 14th instant, but have signified that a salary of £80 will not be objected to.

Ely Fairs and Cattle Market, and Corn Exchange Company

A meeting of the above named Company was advertised to be holden on Thursday evening last, at the Lamb Inn, Ely. There was no announcement of a dividend, or of any particular business to be brought before the meeting; the attendance was in consequence too small for the transaction of business, the only gentlemen present being Messrs. Harlock, Archer, Moseley, Cropley, and Scott. For the information of the shareholders who did not attend, we print a copy of the balance-sheet which was lying upon the table:-

Capital Account, Nov. 11, 1848 to Feb. 2, 1850

Receipts	£	S	D	Disbursements	£	S	D
On Loan	200	0	0	Balance of last Account	265	15	0
Shares	15	0	0	Corn Exchange	38	1	3
Balance	102	4	4	Cattle Market	13	8	1
	317	4	4		317	4	4

Income Account, Nov. 11, 1848, to Feb 2, 1850

Receipts	£	S	D	Disbursements	£	S	D
Balance of last Account	135	10	11	Dividend, Nov. 1848	93	18	0
Market Tolls etc.	123	17	3	Rents	158	8	7
Garden Produce	46	16	1	Rules	4	10	0

Rent of stands in Corn Exchange, and stalls in Poultry Market	164	2	6	Labour for Market	27	16	10
Fair Tolls and Receipts	39	17	6	Labour and expenses for Garden	22	5	3
				Salary (Clerk of the Market)	30	0	0
				Tradesmen's Bills	29	1	1
				Interest on Loan	50	0	0
				Miscellaneous Expenses	1	5	2
				Balance	92	19	4
	510	4	3		510	4	3

There was some conversation amongst the gentlemen present upon the desirableness of getting rid of the balance of £102 4s 4d in the capital account, previous to the declaration of a dividend, and it was suggested that an effort to effect that object by means of subscriptions should be made. The meeting was therefore adjourned for a month; and in the meantime the Directors will be called together to devise means to overcome the balance, and then the usual dividend will be declared.
March 2 1850

Marriage at Ely on 25 February, Mr Charles Crawley to Mary Ann, eldest daughter of Mr. Charles King, brewer.

Country Markets
Ely, Thursday, Feb. 28

	Quantity		Average		
	Q	B	£	S	D
Wheat	903	3	1	14	2
Barley	172	0	1	2	8
Oats	655	4	0	11	9
Beans	328	2	1	0	2
Peas	25	0	1	2	6

Ely Union
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Duties to commence immediately on the appointment.
Candidates must attend personally at the Meeting, with testimonials of character and fitness; and the application of the candidate must be in his own hand-writing.
By order of the Board
W. Marshall, Clerk.
Ely, Feb. 14, 1850

Turnpike Tolls to be Let

Notice is hereby given, that the Tolls arising at the Toll-Gate upon the Turnpike road leading from Cambridge to Ely, and from thence to Soham, etc., called or known by the name of Stretham Ferry Turnpike Gate, together with the Toll-House near the said gate, will be Let by Auction, for one, two or three years, as may be agreed upon by the Trustees present at the Meeting, for the purpose of such letting, from the nineteenth day of April next, to the best bidder, at the house of Mrs. Walker, called or known by the name of the Bell Inn, in Ely aforesaid, on Tuesday, the 19th day of March next, at the hour of twelve at noon, in the manner directed by the Act passed in the third year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the Fourth – "For regulating Turnpike Roads;" which Tolls produced the last year the sum of £122. 8s. 10d above the expense of collecting them, and will be put up at that sum per annum.

Whoever happens to be the best bidder, must at the same time deposit in the hands of the Chairman of the said meeting, the sum of fifty pounds, to be forfeited to the Trustees on non-performance of the conditions of letting, by which conditions among other stipulations, the hirer will be required to pay two months in advance, of the rent at which such Tolls may be let; and give security at his own expense, with sufficient sureties, to the satisfaction of the Trustees of the said Turnpike road, within ten days from the day of letting, for payment of the rest of the said rent by prospective monthly instalments.

Dated this 15th day of February, 1850

H. R. Evans & Son

Clerks to the Trustees of the said Turnpike Roads.

Farm to Let

To be Let by Private Contract, on the most liberal conditions for a term of Twenty years, Five Hundred and Twenty Six Acres of very good productive Fen Land, in capital condition. The whole of it is or may be made Arable. There is now growing upon the Estate upwards of One Hundred and Ninety Acres of Wheat, which will be taken at seed and labour. Possession will be given on the 6th of April next.

Apply to Messrs. T. & G. Archer, solicitors, Ely.

The Lord Bishop of Ely's next Ordination will be holden at Ely on Sunday, the 26th day of May next (being Trinity Sunday). Candidates for Holy Orders are desired to transmit the requisite papers (pre-paid) to his Lordship's Secretary, John Burden, Esq., 27, Parliament-Street, Westminster, on or before the 30th day of April next. The Bishop requires from all Candidates from the University of Cambridge applying for Deacon's Orders a Certificate of their having passed the Voluntary Theological Examination. And all Candidates for Deacon's Orders (except on College Titles) are to give immediate Notice to the Bishop, at 37 Dover-Street, Piccadilly, of their intention of offering themselves, unless they have already had communication with his Lordship or his Chaplain, the Rev. the Master of Jesus College, Cambridge.

Ely Union

Reduction of Officer's Salaries

The Poor-Law Board have been applied to by the Guardians of this Union to permit a general reduction in the Officers' salaries, which, however, they have refused to sanction. We are enabled to publish a part of the correspondence, to which we beg to direct the attention of our agricultural readers.

Poor Law Board to Ely Union

Poor Law Board

Somerset House
7th February, 1850
Sir,
I am directed by the Poor Law Board to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo, forwarding a copy of a resolution passed by the Guardians of the Ely Union, to the effect that the salaries of all the Officers, with the exception of the nurse, be reduced £20 per cent from Lady Day next, in consequence of the low price of provisions.
The Board desire to inform the Guardians that the salaries of Union Officers ought to be such as will secure the full and efficient services of the persons employed, and afford them a reasonable remuneration for the labours they perform.

The average cost of provisions is doubtlessly an element in determining the amount of the officers' salaries; but there are other and higher considerations, to which due weight must also be given; and the Board consider that it would be as impolitic as it would be objectionable to lay down a principle by which salaries should fluctuate and vary from year to year, or period to period, according to the price of provisions only, and the general effect produced on the rate-payers by such varying price.

The Board believe that it is essential to the interests of the Union and the rate-payers, that the services of competent Officers at adequate salaries should be obtained and retained.
This consideration alone would compel the Board to dissent from the views of the Guardians; and added to this, the Board are satisfied that a reduction of the salaries on the ground suggested, would create such a sense of injustice in the Officers as most materially to diminish their future zeal and efficiency in the service of the Union.
I am, Sir
Your obedient servant
E. Brington
Secretary.

To Wm. Marshall, Esq.,
Clerk to the Guardians of the Ely Union
Cambridgeshire
Ely Union to Poor Law Board
Proposed Reduction of Officers' Salaries
Ely, February 21st, 1850
My Lords and Gentlemen,
In accordance with the intimation (contained in my letter of the 16th instant) that the board being dissatisfied with the decision you had come to relative to the proposed reduction of the salaries of all the officers of this Union, (except the nurse) would take time to consider the answer they should give, and make their reply in a fortnight, I am now directed by the Board to express to you how deeply they regret that you cannot take the same view of the subject as they do.

The Board would observe that in this agricultural Union the farmers are the principal contributors to the salaries of the officers; and they submit that while the farmers are receiving no return whatever for their capital and skill, all persons who are paid by them must expect to feel something of the depression which at the present time so seriously affects them.

The Board acknowledge that the duties of local Poor-law administration ought to be performed by proper officers, and they would not think of electing any man whom they did not consider quite equal to the efficient discharge of the duties required of him; but they feel that so long as they are subject to the injustice of free trade in corn, it is incumbent upon them to do every thing in their power to avert that utter destruction which, if the present law is persevered in, they cannot help believing must inevitably befall them.

The Board believe, too, that the reduction must not be confined to the salaries of hardworking union officers, but that the same measure must be meted out to other public servants, however elevated their position or important their services may be.

Under the circumstances, the Board trust that you will not, in this time of severe distress, place a veto upon the reduction they are seeking to effect in the union salaries, which the Guardians would only be too happy to restore to their original amount, should the Legislature either retrace those steps which are proving so ruinous to the landed interest, or should the prices of agricultural produce again become remunerative to the producer.
I am, my Lords and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant
W. Marshall, Clerk.

"To the Poor-law Board
Somerset House, London"

The Poor-law Board, in their reply, dated the 27th ultimo, expressed their "regret that they were unable to meet the wishes of the Guardians by sanctioning a general reduction of the officers' salaries, and that the Board must adhere to the opinion communicated in their letter of the 7th instant.

Middle Level Drainage Loan.
Fourth Instalment, being £30,000., part of £230,000.
Notice is hereby given, that the Middle Level Drainage Commissioners, acting under and in execution of an Act of Parliament passed in the Session holden in the 50th year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act for Improving the Drainage of certain Lands within the north and south-west parts of the Middle Level, part of the Great Level of the Fens, commonly called Bedford Level," and of an Act passed in the 7th and 8th years of the reign of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act for Improving the Drainage and Navigation of the Middle Level of the Fens," and also under an Act of Parliament passed in the Session holden in the 11th and 12th years of the reign of Her said present Majesty, intituled "An Act to Amend the Acts for Improving the Drainage and Navigation of the Middle Level of the Fens, and for other purposes connected therewith," will hold a Special Meeting of the said Commissioners on Thursday, the seventh day of March next, at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, in the town of Chatteris, in the Isle of Ely and county of Cambridge, at the George Inn there. And it is proposed that, at such Meeting, the said Middle Level Drainage Commissioners shall Borrow at Interest from Joseph Gurney Barclay and Robert Buchanan Dunlop, Esquires and Sir Charles Rugge Price, Baronet, the further sum of Thirty Thousand Pounds, on the credit of the Taxes by the hereinbefore mentioned Act of the 11th and 12th years of Her said present Majesty directed or authorised to be imposed by the said Middle Level Drainage Commissioners, for the purpose of enabling the said Commissioners to complete the undertaking authorised by the said Act of the 7th and 8th years of Her said present Majesty, except as far as the same is altered and varied by the said Act of the 11th and 12th years of Her said present Majesty, and to execute the works by the said last mentioned Act authorised to be done by the said Commissioners, in addition to the sum of £150,000 already lent by the said Joseph Gurney Barclay, Robert Buchanan Dunlop, and Sir Charles Rugge Price, to the said Commissioners, on the credit of the same Taxes, and for the same purpose. And that, for securing the repayment of the said sum of £30,000, so to be borrowed as aforesaid, and for further securing the re-payment of the sum of £150,000, so already lent as aforesaid, and the payment of the interest thereof respectively, 5 of the said Commissioners present at such meeting shall then and there, by some writing or writings, instrument or instruments, under their hands and seals, mortgage, grant, and assign unto the said Joseph Gurney Barclay, Robert Buchanan Dunlop, and Sir Charles Rugge Price, their heirs and assigns all the same Taxes, together with all powers and remedies whatsoever for recovering and enforcing payment thereof; and also make such nomination of a Receiver, and enter into such

covenants, agreements and provisions as in such writing or writings, instrument or instruments, shall be expressed and contained. And it is also proposed that at such Meeting, 5 or more of the said Middle Level Drainage Commissioners present at such meeting shall then and there, by some writing or instrument, under their hands and seals, agree with the said intended Mortgagees to accept and take from the said intended Mortgagees, at interest, the further sum of £70,000, to be secured, together with interest thereon, by way of mortgage of the same Taxes, the said sum of £70,00 to be advanced by such instalments as shall be then and there agreed upon, and to be payable at such times and in such manner and subject to such conditions as in such writing or instrument shall be expressed and contained, for the purpose before expressed.

Dated this eighteenth day of February, 1850

John Fryer	G. Brighty
David Martin	James Read
Thos. Bowker	John Lawrance
	John Burnham

Geo. Game Day.
Clerk to the Middle Level Drainage Commissioners.

Middle Fen District
Pursuant to the Directions of an Act of Parliament passed in the 40th year of the reign of his Majesty King George the III, for explaining, amending, and rendering more effectual two Acts of Parliament passed respectively in the 31st year of the reign of King George the II, and the 29th year of the reign of King George the III, for draining and preserving certain Fen Lands and Low Grounds between the Cam, otherwise Granta, Ouse, and Mildenhall Rivers, and bounded as therein mentioned, and now called or known by the name of "Middle Fen District", we do hereby give notice, that the Commissioners of Drainage, acting in execution of the said Acts, will hold a general half-yearly Meeting at the Red Lion Inn, in Soham, in the county of Cambridge, on Thursday the twenty-eighth of March next, (being the last Thursday in the said Month of March) at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon; and that as such Meeting they do intend, under the powers and authorities given to or rested in them by the said first-mentioned Act, to rate, tax, charge, and assess all and every the Fen Lands and Low Grounds liable to be rated, or charged, by virtue of the said first and last-mentioned Acts, or either of them, (save and except certain Common and Fen Lands belonging to the Poor Inhabitants of Soham, and to the Hospital and Poor of Isleham); and the several and respective Owner and Owners, Occupier and Occupiers of such Lands and grounds, with such further and additional equal Rate or Tax as to the said Commissioners, in their discretion, shall seem meet, not exceeding the rate of Three Shillings per acre, over and above the Rates and Taxes charged and imposed thereon by the said first-mentioned Act, and which said further and additional Rate or Tax will be laid, charged, and imposed for one year, to commence and be computed from the twenty-fourth day of June next after the laying and imposing thereof.
Dated this twenty-third day of February, 1850
T. and G. Archer
Clerks to the said Commissioners
March 9 1850
Country Markets
Ely, Thursday, March 7

	Quantity		Average		
	Q	B	£	S	D
Wheat	719	6	1	14	8
Barley	118	0	1	0	9
Oats	829	4	0	16	6
Beans	209	6	1	2	10
Peas	6	0	1	2	0

Ely Union
Contracts for Coffins
The Board of Guardians of the above Union give Notice that they will, at their Weekly meeting, to be held at the Union Workhouse, in Ely, on Thursday, the 21st instant, receive Tenders for supplying Coffins to the Workhouse and the Parishes of Ely Trinity, Ely St Mary, and Witchford, to be delivered at such of the above places and at such times as the Relieving officers may order in writing. The Coffins must be made of inch Red Deal, properly pitched inside; and the Tender must specify a separate price for a coffin under 3 feet, 5 feet, and under 4 feet; 4 feet and under 5 feet; and over 5 feet.

Sealed Tenders indorsed "Tender for Coffins" to be delivered at my office before 10am of the 21st instant.

Contractors to give such security for the performance of their contract as the Guardians may require; but the Guardians do not pledge themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.
By order of the Board.
W. Marshall, Clerk
Ely March 7, 1850

Ely Union
Contracts
The Board of Guardians of the above Union give notice, that they will, at their Weekly Meeting at the Union Workhouse in Ely, on Thursday, the 21st instant, receive Tenders for supplying the said Workhouse and the Out-door Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief Districts, with the following Articles, from the 28th instant, inclusive, for thirteen weeks, viz:-
Good Thirds Flour, at per stone
Good Bread, made of the same quality of Flour (24 hours old) at per 4lb loaf.
Good Beef, (Clods, Stickings, or Briskets, without bone);
Fore Quarters of Mutton, (not weighing less than 20 lb per quarter), and Suet, at per stone.
To be delivered at the said Workhouse at such times, in such quantities, as the Board of Guardians shall order, and to be supplied to the Paupers in every parish, in such quantities as shall be expressed in Tickets issued by the Relieving Officer.
N. B. Each Tender must be for supplying one Relief District at least.
They are also desirous of contracting for such quantities of the undermentioned Articles as may from time to time be required at the said Workhouse, from the 28th instant, inclusive, for twenty six weeks viz:-
Provisions, etc
Cheese, Rice, Oatmeal, Moist Sugar, Salt, Soap, and Soda, at per stone.
Butter, Tea, and Dip Candles, at per lb.
Peas, at per coomb; Ale, at per gallon; Coals, at per ton
Turfs, at per thousand.
Clothing
Strong Grey Army Cloth, for Old men's Suits,
Beaverteen for Boys' Suits; and Twilled Calico, for lining the same;
Flannel, for Wearing; Flannel for Shrouds;
Hemp, Calico, Blue Stripe, and Chambrey, at per yard.
Men's, Women's, Boys', and Girls' strong knitted Worsted Stockings, at per pair;
Worsted, at per lb; Cocoa-Nut Fibre, at per cwt.

Sealed Tenders indorsed "Tender for Bread and Flour", or as the case may be, to be sent to me (free of expence) and Samples must be produced at the meeting.
N. B. the Tenders for bread and flour must be delivered at my Office the night previous to the meeting, otherwise they will not be received; other Tenders may be delivered on or before nine, a.m. of the 21st instant.

Contractors to give such security for the performance of their contract as the Board may require; but the Guardians do not pledge themselves to accept the lowest or any of the Tenders, and Contractors are particularly requested to take notice that the Relieving Officers' duty is to settle with them every week, for all goods ordered by them.

N. B. All persons having any demands upon the above union, are requested to send in their bills to me, on or before the 4th day of April next, containing full particulars of the Articles furnished, or work done under the orders of the Board, up to and including the 27th instant, accompanied with the orders themselves.
By order of the Board
William Marshall, Clerk.
Ely, March 7, 1850

Burnt Fen First District
Notice is hereby given that a General Half-Yearly Meeting of the Commissioners acting in execution of the Acts of Parliament now in force for the Drainage of the above District, will be holden at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday the 28th day of March, instant at Twelve o'clock at noon.
Dated this sixth day of March 1850
T. & G. Archer
Clerks to the Commissioners
March 16 1850
Country Markets
Ely, Thursday, March 14

	Quantity		Average		
	Q	B	£	S	D
Wheat	1088	7	1	15	8
Barley	35	0	1	5	0
Oats	807	1	0	12	5
Beans	208	0	1	2	9
Peas	0	0	0	0	0

To Builders, Contractors, Farmers and Others

Important Sale of Memel Timber
At Annesdale, Ely
To be Sold by Auction
By George Legge
On Tuesday next, March 19, 1850 at 11 o'clock precisely,
About five Thousand Cubic Feet of the Finest quality of
Memel Timber
The property of Mr. William S. Simpson, of Downham, which will be sold in convenient lots, for the accommodation of purchasers.

Descriptive catalogues containing the quantity of cubic feet in each lot, may be had at the office of the Auctioneer, a few days before the sale.

Three months' credit will be given on approved joint security, to purchasers of five pounds and upwards.

Annesdale is close to the navigable river, and but a short distance from the Eastern Counties Railway Station.

Ely, 5th March, 1850

Ely Savings Bank
The quarterly meeting of the Trustees and Managers of this bank took place on Friday, the 8th instant, and the accounts for the quarter were examined. The examination of the depositors books, with the ledgers, which took place in accordance with the instructions from the Commissioners for the reduction of the national debt, was completed; and of those books which were compared, nearly two thirds in number, and more than two thirds in amount, were found perfectly correct. The meeting expressed their sense of the great zeal and intelligence with which Mr. T. A. Hills had conducted the business of the bank since its first establishment, and the accuracy of all the accounts.

Burnt Fen District
Notice is hereby given, that a General Half-Yearly Meeting of the Commissioners acting in execution of the Acts of Parliament now in force for the Drainage of the above District, will be holden at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday, the 28th day of March instant, at Twelve o'clock at noon.

Dated this sixth day of March, 1850
T. & G. Archer
Clerks to the Commissioners.

Isle of Ely
Ely - *The Union* - Mr. Smith, of Bedford, was on Thursday elected, out of twelve candidates, to the situation of Relieving Officer, at the reduced salary of £80 a year. The long agitated question of a reduction of £20 per cent of the salaries of the other officers was reconsidered; and after the medical men had refused to consent to such reduction, which the authorities at Somerset House had declined to sanction, advertisements were ordered for medical officers at the proposed reduced remuneration. Thus the Commissioners and Guardians are at variance.
Poor's Allotments - The very extraordinary and good effect of the letting small pieces of land to the poor has induced the Governors of Parson's Charity to extend a further allotment of their land to the poor residing in Stuntney. The high state of cultivation of the several hundreds of poor's allotments in west-fen shows how much the poor of Ely appreciate the benefit and what care and diligence they exercise in the management of their little farms, which but a few years ago was a profitless waste, but is now, by their industry, converted into fertile land, on most of which are thriving wheat plants. Nearly all grow wheat and potatoes in succession; some all wheat, but a portion of each is most general, as it gives them an opportunity of feeding a pig on the ordinary potatoes, and furnishes their tables with pork. The result of this most excellent plan is that the poor man is provided through the inclement season of the year with bread, meat, and potatoes, when employment is not to be had, and this keeps many a family from the union, or from becoming a parish charge. Its encouragement to industrious habits is also great.

Election of Guardians of the Poor
Ely Union
I, William Marshall, Clerk to the guardians of the Poor of the Ely Union, with reference to the ensuing election of Guardians of the Poor for the several Parishes in the said Union, do hereby give Notice:-
That the number of Guardians of the Poor to be elected for the Parishes in the said Union, is as follows:-

Parishes	No. of Guardians	Parishes	No. of Guardians
Ely Trinity	Six	Stretham	One

Ely St. Mary	Three	Wilburton	One
Littleport	Three	Mepal	One
Downham	Two	Witcham	One
Witchford	One	Coveney	One
Haddenham	Two	Wentworth	One
Sutton	Two	Thetford	One

That any person not otherwise disqualified by law, who shall be rated to the poor-rate in any Parish in the Union, in respect of Hereditaments of the annual rental of Twenty Pounds, is qualified to be nominated for the office of Guardian at the said Election, by any person then qualified to vote.

Nominations of Guardians must be made according to the Form below, which is the Form prescribed by the Poor-Law Commissioners. Such nominations must be sent on or before the 26th day of March, to me, at my office, in Ely, or to Mr. Thomas Charter, Relieving Officer, Haddenham; who alone are authorised to receive the same. Nominations sent after that day, or sent to any other person, will be invalid.

That I shall, if more than the above-mentioned number of Guardians be nominated for any Parish, cause Voting Papers to be delivered on the 5th day of April, at the address in such parish of each Rate-payer, Owner, and Proxy, qualified to vote; and that on the 8th day of April, I shall cause such Voting Papers to be collected.

That on the 10th day of April, I shall attend at the Board Room, of this Union, at the hour of Ten in the forenoon, and that I shall on that day, and, if necessary, the following days, proceed to ascertain the number of votes given for each candidate.

Any person put in nomination for the office of Guardian may, at any time during the proceedings in the election, tender to me, in writing, his refusal to serve the office; and the Election so far as regards that person, will be no further proceeded with.

FORM OF NOMINATION PAPER

Parish of _____ _____Union

This day of 185___

Name of Persons Nominated to be Guardians	Residence of the Persons Nominated	Quality or Calling of Persons Nominated

I, being _____ duly Qualified to vote in the parish of _____ Nominate the above to be Guardian (or Guardians) for the said parish

_____ Signature

_____ Address of Nominator

Note. Only one person is empowered to sign this paper, and after the word *being* must insert (a Rate payer) or (Owner of Property) according to his qualification.

Given under my hand, this 14th day of March, 1850

W. Marshall

Clerk to the Guardians of the Poor of the Ely Union

Padnal and Waterden Fens
Notice is hereby given that a General Meeting of the Padnal and Waterden Commissioners, acting under an Act of Parliament, passed in the eighth year of his Majesty King George the Fourth, for improving the Drainage of part of the South Level Fens, and the Navigation of the Rivers passing through the same, will be held at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Wednesday, the 3rd day of April next, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the directions of the said Act.
Thos. Archer
Clerk to the Commissioners

Protectionist Movements
Sir,
The movements of the Protectionists since my last communication have, with one exception, been of no great importance. The friends to protection, as they are called, in the House of Commons have been doing nothing; and the same party in the House of Lords has been strenuously assisting them in that most arduous duty. The great landowners, whether in or out of Parliament, still keep aloof, and regard with heartless indifference the distresses and impending ruin of the small land-owners, the tenant farmers, and labourers. Struck, as it would seem, with judicial blindness, and wrapped in a fancied and fatal security, they hope that the storm which is now laying waste the farm house and the cottage, will spare their castles and mansions. The National Association is still engaged in organisation, and does not seem to be aware that the farmers will be irretrievably ruined, before they have completed it, and that something more prompt and determined than a remote prospect of a dissolution is required to prevent them from becoming thorough-going financial reformers. The government is occupied in feeding the hungry labourers with well cooked tables of exports and imports, and in introducing jews and delegates of popish priests into the great council of the nation. In the mean time, poverty, discontent, and even a worse feeling are rapidly spreading through the agricultural districts; and incendiary fires are blazing; an almost universal impression exists that the taxes cannot be much longer collected, accompanied with a growing opinion, that it is better to be unwilling than to be unable to discharge an unjust obligation.

The exception to which I have alluded is the correspondence between the Guardians of the Ely Union and the Poor Law Board, the insertion of which in a late number of your journal has conferred a great obligation on your agricultural readers. The immediate object of the Guardians may, perhaps, in a pecuniary point of view, appear to be of minor importance; but their sensible and spirited reply to the Viscount Secretary involves a great principle, which if properly carried out, could not fail to lead to very important consequences. The revision of the salaries of the officers of the Union is justified by the Guardians on two grounds, viz., (1) the lowered prices of the necessaries of life, and (2) the reduced means of the rate-payers. Both are, I think, good reasons. But leaving out of the question for the present, the circumstances of the rate-payers, nothing can be more just and reasonable than the course pursued by the Guardians. With respect to the reduction, as it is called, of 20 per cent, it is, in reality, no reduction, because it cannot be disputed that £80. is, to say the least, at the present time of as much value as the salary of £100. was, when the union was formed. It is nothing but an equitable adjustment of the salary according to the increased value of money. The Poor-Law Board it appears, objects to salaries which fluctuate according to prices. But as to that objection, it must be remembered, that the Tithe Commutation rent-charges fluctuate annually according to the average prices of corn, and yet that has never been considered as an objectionable mode of payment, or as in any degree impairing the efficiency of the clergy of the Church of England. Although now rendered practically unjust by the repeal of the corn-laws, it was originally founded on so just a principle, that it ought to be applied to every branch of the public

expenditure and taxation. Without going into any nice calculations, it may be fairly assumed, that owing to Peel's corn and currency measures, all the recipients of the public money are now receiving, and the tax payers are now paying, twice as much money as they would do if salaries etc., and taxes were estimated, as they ought to be, according to the prices of corn and other necessaries of life. The agriculturists, in particular, in order to raise the sum required for the payment of a certain amount of taxation, are compelled to sell twice as many bushels of corn as would have been sufficient for the purpose, under protection prices and the Bank Restriction Act. It is therefore, quite clear that they are, in reality, doubly taxed, and that they are under no equitable obligation to pay more than half the pecuniary amount of their present taxes.

To remedy this injustice, it is proposed to put all the public payments and taxes upon the same footing as the Tithe rent-charges, but with a shorter period of averages. The burden of taxation would then be proportioned to prices and the means of the tax-payers. But is must be understood that the plan is not suggested as a compensation for the loss of protection, for which no possible reduction of taxation would be sufficient. As to the objection that to insist upon a reduction of taxes and salaries is to abandon the cause of protection, it appears to me that such a course would be the most efficient means of obtaining a restitution of protection. It cannot be doubted that corn salaries would speedily compel the government to sympathize with the agriculturists, and prove an effectual cure for their free trade propensities.
I am, etc
William Eagle
Lakenheath, March 13th 1850

Littleport and Downham District
Notice is hereby given, that a General Meeting of the Commissioners of the said District will be held at the Shire Hall, in Ely, in the isle of Ely in the county of Cambridge, on Wednesday, the 3rd of April next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, (being the first Wednesday in the month), to consider what Outer Tax it will be necessary to lay for the ensuing year, and on other business relating to the general drainage of the said district.
Dated this 7th day of March, 1850
W. Marshall
Clerk to the Commissioners

Littleport and Downham District
Payment of Taxes
Notice is hereby given, that the Sum of One shilling and Sixpence per Acre, being the second Moiety or Payment of the Tax for Inner Works assessed, rated, taxed, and charged upon all and singular the Fen Lands and Low Grounds comprised in the said District for the Year 1849-1850, and also the further sum of Sixpence per Acre, being the Second Moiety or Payment of the Tax for Outer Works, assessed, rated, taxed, and charged upon all the said Fen Lands and Low Grounds, as well as those called "Exempt Lands," as all other the said Fen Lands and Low Grounds comprised within the said District, under and by virtue of one or more of three several Acts of Parliament, the first made and passed in the 29th year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Second, and the other two Acts made and passed in the 40th and 50th years of the reign of His Majesty King George the Third, severally relating to the said District, will severally and respectively become due on the 25th day of March instant., which said Tax of One Shilling and Sixpence per Acre for Inner Works, and Sixpence per Acre for Outer Works, are directed by the Commissioners of the said District to be paid to me, at my Office in Ely, on account of John Mortlock, Esq. and Sons, their Bankers and Treasurers, on or before the said 25th day of March inst., or within two calendar months thereafter, otherwise a Penalty of Three Shillings and Four pence in the pound will be incurred for the non-payment of the same.
Dated this 7th day of March, 1850
Wm. Marshall,
Clerk and Receiver for the said Commissioners.

March 23 1850
The “Fox and Hounds” Public House
Three New Brick Tenements
Lime-Kiln
And Extensive Premises behind, valuable
Wharfage or Building-Ground
Extending Nearly To The River.
To Be Sold by Auction
By Wentworth & Son
At the White Hart Inn, Ely, on Tuesday, March the 26th, 1850, at Seven o’clock in the evening, in One Lot, by direction of a Mortgagee, under a power of sale:
Comprising
The “Fox and Hounds” Public House, in Broad Street; also Three detached newly-erected brick built Tenements, Stable, Shed, Lime-Kiln, and Outbuildings; together with an extensive Plot of Land adjoining, running nearly up to the River, and extremely valuable either as Wharfage or Building Ground, the whole in the occupation of Mr. Benjamin Warner and his tenants.

Copyhold of the Manor of Ely Porta, in the isle of Ely and county of Cambridge, Quit Rent, ---- Land Tax ------.

May be viewed, and all further particulars known by applying to Messrs. A. & S. Peed, solicitors, Bene’t street, Cambridge; or of Wentworth & Son, Auctioneers, Valuers, and Estate Agents, opposite Trinity College, Cambridge.

March 30 1850
Death on 28th March, at Ely of the wife of Philip Rickwood.on the same day, the wife of John Seaber, sen. Burnt Fen.

Country Markets
Ely, Thursday, March 28

	Quantity		Average		
	Q	B	£	S	D
Wheat	1177	6	1	15	6
Barley	25	0	1	1	0
Oats	905	0	0	12	9
Beans	83	0	1	2	2

Isle of Ely
Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely will be holden at the Sessions House, in Ely, in the said Isle, on Wednesday, the tenth day of April next, at Ten o’clock in the forenoon, at which hour the Chair will be taken; and all Jurors, Constables, and persons bound by recognizance, and others having occasion to attend are required to give their attendance accordingly.

And Notice is also hereby given, that the business relating to the Constabulary Force of the Isle, and laying a Police-Rate towards defraying the expences of the said Force, will commence and be proceeded in immediately after the Grand Jury are sworn and charge; and after such business is disposed of the business relating to the assessment, application, or management of the Isle Stock or Rate will commence and be done and transacted in open court.
The Justices’ Clerks are requested to send the several depositions and recognizances to the office of the Clerk of the Peace, at Wisbech, on or before the Saturday preceding.
Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech, March 25, 1850

River Nene Navigation
Notice is hereby given, that the next Meeting of the Commissioners of the Western Division of the River Nene navigation will be holden at the Guildhall, in the town of Northampton, on Friday, the twelfth day of April next, at One o'clock in the afternoon, when the subject of the Drainage of the Nene Valley will be taken into consideration.
Thos. Scriven, Clerk and Treasurer
Northampton, 19th March, 1850

Bedford Level Corporation
Audit of Accounts
The Finance committee of the Board of the Honourable Corporation of Bedford Level, will meet at the Fen Office, in Ely, on Tuesday, the 9th day of April next, at eleven a.m., to examine the Bills and Accounts of the Corporation for the past year, and to lay them before such of the Members of the Commonalty as shall think proper to attend.
Wm. Marshall, Auditor
Ely, March, 28th, 1850

South Level Rivers Act
Notice is hereby given, that a General Half-Yearly Meeting of the Drainage and Navigation Commissioners, acting in execution of an Act passed in the seventh and eighth years of the reign of King George the Fourth, for improving the Drainage of part of the south Level of the Fens, and the Navigation of the Rivers passing through the same, will, pursuant to the directions of the said Act, be holden at the Bell Inn, in Ely, on Friday, the fifth day of April next, at Twelve o'clock at noon.
Dated this thirteenth day of March, 1850
T. and G. Archer
Clerks to the Commissioners.

Hundred Feet Washes
Notice is hereby given, that a General Meeting of the Commissioners of the above Washes will be holden at the house of Joseph Feast, known by the sign of the "Three Fishes," in Mepal, in the isle of Ely, on Wednesday, the 3rd day of April, next, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon (being the first Wednesday in that month), for the purpose of settling the tax for the ensuing year, and on other business.
Dated this 21st day of March, 1850
H. R. Evans & Son
Clerks to the Commissioners
N. B. The above Meeting is intended to be adjourned, of which due Notice will be given.

New Parish Officers elected
Ely Trinity
Overseers: Messrs. Wm. Harlock, jun. John Hawkes, James Wilson
Surveyors: Charles Moseley, James Cheesewright, William Broderick jun.
Constables: Robert Hallack, C. J. Watts and C. Fox
Ely St Mary
Overseers: J. L. Haylock, Charles Rushbrook.
Surveyors: Henry Rayner, Humphrey Saunders.
Constables: Thomas Ellis, Thomas King, and William Legge.

Ely Union – The contract for supplying this Union with bread and flour (seconds) has been taken by the Messrs. Simson, at 1s. 3d per stone.

Easter Visitations 1850
Notice is hereby given, that the Easter Visitations of the Worshipful John Henry Sparke, Clerk, Master of Arts, Chancellor of the Diocese of Ely, will be had and held at the time and places following:-
For the Deaneries of Chesterton and Barton, in the county of Cambridge, in the parish church of St. Mary the Great, in Cambridge, on Saturday, the 6th day of April next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.
For the Deanery of Ely, in the parish church of the Holy Trinity, in Ely, on Thursday, the 11th day of April next, at twelve o'clock at noon.
For the Deanery of Camps, in the said county of Cambridge, at the church of Saint Mary the Great aforesaid, on Saturday, the 13th day of April next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.
For the Deanery of Wisbech, in the isle of Ely, in the parish church of Wisbech Saint Peter, on Saturday, the 20th day of April next, at twelve o'clock at noon.
When and where all Churchwardens within the respective Deaneries are to come prepared with their Bills of Presentments, and copies of their Parish Registers for the year ending the 31st December, 1849, and the Churchwardens elected and continued for the service of the year, 1850, will be required to make the declaration for the due execution of their offices, within their respective parishes.
George J. Twiss, Deputy Registrar.
Cambridge, 22nd March, 1850
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Bedford Level Corporation
The Members of the Board of the Bedford Level Corporation will assemble at the Fen Office, in Ely on Wednesday, the 17th day of April instant, at Eleven o'clock precisely, to transact the business of the Board.

The General Public Meeting of the Corporation, will take place at the Shire Hall, at Ely aforesaid, on Thursday, the 18th day of April instant, at Twelve o'clock precisely, for the Election of the several Officers of the Corporation, and other purposes.
The Board will not take into consideration any Memorial or Petition, unless the same be delivered to the Register on or before Wednesday Morning at Twelve o'clock.
Thos. Archer, Register.
Fen Office, Ely, April 4, 1850

Marriage on April 9th, at Ely, Mr. Henry Legge, of Manchester, to Jane, eldest daughter of Mr. Richard Scott.

Country Markets
Ely, Thursday, April 11
Wheat a heavy market at lest week's prices. Oats and beans a shade cheaper.

	Quantity		Average		
	Q	B	£	S	D
Wheat	1205	6	1	14	6
Barley	0	0	0	0	0
Oats	489	4	0	13	7
Beans	49	4	1	2	9
Peas	0	0	0	0	0

Littleport and Downham District
Notice is hereby given, that a half yearly meeting of the Commissioners of the said District will be held at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Wednesday the 24th day of April inst, (being the last Wednesday, in the month) at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.
Dated the 4th day of April, 1850
Wm. Marshall
Clerk to the Commissioners

Isle of Ely Sessions.
These Sessions were held on Wednesday and Thursday last, before the Rev. Henry Fardell, Chairman, Rev. Algernon Peyton, Rev. Dr. Fardell, Rev. W. Millars, W. Layton, R. Dunn Gardner, T. Bowker, J. Fryer, D. Fryer, and W. Pope, Esquires, and others.

The Chairman, in his address to the Grand Jury, gave a statistical account of the fires, within twenty miles of Ely, during a period of several years, which was truly appalling.

Obstructing a Railway
Edward Lawrence, about 10 years, and Charles Lawrence, about 6, were charged with wilfully placing a piece of iron on the rails at a crossing of the East Anglian Railway, and so obstructing a train.
Mr Metcalfe prosecuted; Mr Naylor defended the prisoners.
The only evidence of any weight was a statement made by Charles Lawrence that Edward had placed the crow on the rail.
Mr Naylor submitted that Charles Lawrence being under seven years of age, could not be convicted, and as his evidence could only be evidence against himself, there was no evidence against Edward.
Mr Metcalfe said he must admit that the objection was a good one as to Charles, and he had all along felt the difficulty.
The Court thought there was no evidence against Edward, excluding as they must Charles's statement, and directed an acquittal of both.
It was stated that the Company only wished to deter other boys from the like doings, and on the other hand it might be urged that there should be a house at least at every crossing.

There were several other cases, but possessing no public interest.

Appointment of Mr. Evans
The Chairman next rose to read the precept of the Earl of Hardwicke as Custos Rotulorum, appointing Mr. H. R Evans, jun., of Ely to succeed Mr. Pemberton, and introduced that gentleman to the Magistrates.

Mr. Evans assured the magistrates that he should endeavour by the most careful discharge of the duties of the office, and the strictest integrity, to make up in some degree for the loss he felt the Magistrates had sustained. Mr. Evans then entered upon the duties of his office.
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Country Markets
Ely, Thursday, April 18

	Quantity		Average		
	Q	B	£	S	D
Wheat	1021	2	1	16	0
Barley	15	0	1	2	0
Oats	1130	4	0	14	0
Beans	153	0	1	3	0
Peas	0	0	0	0	0

St. John's Farm, Ely

Two Cart Mares
Twenty-Three Head of Shorthorned Cow Stock,
Three Fat Pigs
Dung Cart, Implements
And Two acres of Growing Tares,
To be Sold By Auction
By George Legge,
On Wednesday, the 1st day of May, 1850, at One o'clock, the property of Mr. Lawrence Haylock; without reserve, for Ready Money.
Ely, April, 16th, 1850

Protection - Meeting of Delegates in London
The following circular has just been sent into the country from the Protections Society in London.
"National Association,
For the Protection of Industry and Capital
throughout the British Empire.
South Sea House, London, April 15th, 1850
Sir
I am instructed to inform you, that, sanctioned by the concurrence of Agricultural Societies throughout the kingdom, the Committee of this Association have determined that a Meeting of Delegates, from all parts of the country, shall be held in the Metropolis, on Monday, the 6th of May next.

The objects of the Association in convening this Meeting are as follows:-

To receive, by personal communication, authentic information as to the present condition and future prospects of the farmers and agricultural labourers in the various districts.

2ndly. To consult with the individuals whose selection as delegates will indicate the confidence reposed in them by the agriculturists in the several localities, as to the course most expedient to be adopted for obtaining relief from the intolerable grievances which threaten with ruin the agricultural interest.

Through the deep feeling exhibited by such a demonstration, to induce Parliament and the Executive Government to afford to the complaints of the agriculturalists the attention to which they are so justly entitled, but which has been hitherto denied them.

For your guidance in this matter I am instructed to offer the following suggestions:-
Without expressly defining the number of delegates from each district, which the Committee desired to leave to the discretion of the several local societies, that the delegations within each county or division of county should not consist of less than eight persons; and that each delegation should include some individuals who are acquainted with the state of the respective localities, and also (if possible) some who are personally known to, and have influence with, their County Members.

It is proposed that the delegates should meet here on Monday, the 6th of May, at 12 o'clock precisely; and that a public meeting should be held on the 7th. It will, also, probably be necessary for one member, at least, from each delegation to remain in London during the two or three next following days.

Presuming on your concurrence in these arrangements, I have to request that you will transmit to me, on or before Saturday, the 27th instant, the names of the delegates appointed within your district; and the committee will feel obliged by your communicating, on or before the same date, any information you may be enabled to give, illustrative of the cause, nature, extent, and effects of the present agricultural distress. Among the subjects to which your attention may be directed, I would enumerate these: - whether farms have been relinquished; - rents abated; - farmers have become unable to meet the demands of their landlords, or other outgoings; - whether agricultural capital has been diminished; - reductions have been made, or are contemplated, in the wages of labour; - what is the actual condition and state of feeling of the agricultural labourers; - whether incendiary fires have prevailed; - and whether emigration is extensively resorted to.
Hoping to be favoured with an early reply.
I remain, sir,
Your obedient servant,
Charles Beke, Secretary.

Ely Union and Reduction of Salaries.
Sir,
In no less a place than amongst the Journal of the Cambridge Independent Press I find, mixed up with other puerile trash, such brilliant and gentlemanly as this "wat aver myll thay dew next" A style of writing quite in keeping with a pert and scurrilous letter that appeared in the same paper some weeks ago, and so low as to be quite incapable of inflicting the least injury upon the reputation of the Guardians of the Ely Union, or any other persons. These effusions of spleen and personal hostility can be passed by, and no one will express any regret; the public cannot be interested in them. Let the authors enjoy all the pleasures they can, from such grovelling and miserable resources. What the names of Stephenson, Wheatsome, Wilberforce, Grey, and the Youthful star of Cambridge Adams, or their individual and collective merits in abstruse and scientific subjects, can have to do with the question of the Ely Guardians, as farmers, tradesmen, and plain men, cannot, I fear, be very well comprehended. Without pretending to any knowledge possessed by these giant-minds, or even a share of the vast resources of the editor of the Independent Press, who affects much display of learning, and apparently wishes to be thus associated with them – or their names would not have been unnecessarily introduced – the Ely Guardians, no doubt, claim for themselves common sense, common honesty and integrity of purpose – nothing else.

But now to one of the charges made by the Independent Press: it is in these words: "that the proceedings of the Board of Guardians do not receive the sanction of the Great body of rate-payers." It only requires to be known (and for this purpose I have addressed this letter to you, Sir) as the best possible and most conclusive answer, that, with the exception of one gentleman (who has retired from all public business), these very same Guardians of Ely Trinity, have been re-elected, Mr. Charles Moseley, and some others of the number, having been members of the Board from the formation of the Union. Does this savour of distrust or dissatisfaction? As a rate-payer, I can truly say, I have all confidence in the honor and business-like habits of the gentlemen of the Board, and I believe this opinion to be general. Ely is an agricultural district: strictly so; and I can very well understand that the Guardians, knowing by sad experience that the prices of all their produce, corn and stock, are reduced, positively reduced in value from 20 to 50 per cent, think, and most righteously too, the time has arrived that, upon principle and generally, all their contracts and payments, in any and every shape, must partake of some reduction – or what will become of their remaining capital? How can the matter end? This problem is too easily solved: it requires no Adams to do this.

The subject of Guardians brings to my mind the late election made by the populous and influential parish of Trinity Cambridge. What have the rate-payers done here? One fact is worth a hundred opinions. Can it be true – till it not – that no other persons than the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, the great guns of the Cambridge Union, have been ousted from the parish?

Mr. Henry Smith, Chairman of the Cambridge Union, late Guardian of Trinity parish, and manager of the Independent Press received	67 Votes.
Mr Martin, vice-chairman	65 Votes
Mr. David Edwards	206 Votes
Mr. Joseph Cooke	204 Votes

How shameful it was for the rate-payers to act thus independently, with the manager of the Independent Press and his deputy! Of course, this large majority was anything but the voice of the parish! And no doubt, like a pocket borough, a small parish can be found to elect, and the eminent services of these gentlemen will be retained. Let the public put their own estimate and value upon these extraordinary changes.

It was not, in all truth it can be said, to punish an officer, (who unnecessarily resigned) or disgust others, that being Guardians of the Ely Union (who have the highest respect of their officers) proposed to the Poor-Law Commissioners that a reduction should be made on all salaries. It was on principle this was done, and upon principle it most assuredly will be carried out.

Although it is too well known by all sound and practical men, that no economy, however stringent, can compensate for moderate and equitable protection against the world's growth of corn, yet it will and must be its miserable and withering substitute. Lord John Russell has been forced by the voice of the nation to consider in committee the salaried great ones. The Poor-Law Commissioners themselves will follow. Are the people so short-sighted as not to see the drift of their (the Poor-Law Commissioners) policy? Read the answer to the Wisbech Guardians, who hold the same opinions as the Ely: a change in the note is clearly observable by any one, without being a musician.

The Commissioners are quite discerning enough to see through the agitation of this question; and they know their own overpaid incomes cannot remain much longer untouched. Reduce the working men the drones must follow. If this order of things were reversed, so much the better. What has made this awful change in the land of our fathers? Free-trade and nothing else. It will do more yet; time will unravel its deadly influence. Markets receding worse and worse every market day, from more abundance of foreign imports – farmers without cash – tradesmen without business – desolation raging over the soil - labourers with scant employment and low wages – sorrow brooding on every countenance in the valleys of the once happy yeomanry of England – suspicion – disorder – sullen discontent: fires continually blazing – unions full – prisons crammed: this is the beginning. Take for yourselves the theory of Free-Trade, and sport with it, ye Cobdenites; but also in fairness examine its practical, baneful, and destroying effects.

With an expensive Government, standing army, African squadron and national debt – who but a madman can be indifferent to its alarming, fearful and destructive consequences? Deeply regretting this unhappy state of things, and firmly believing fair and reasonable protection, and that only, will restore us to peace, prosperity, and contentment as a nation.
I am, Sir, yours obediently
An Ely Tradesman
Ely, April 18th 1850

Saturday April 20 1850
What does it mean? If there be any truth in the following paragraph, which we take from the Daily News of yesterday, it would seem that "something's in the wind":-

"We understand that Sir Robert Peel had a lengthened interview of many hours with her Majesty, on a certain day in the present week, Prince Albert being present; and that the Right Hon. Baronet called at Apsley House after having quitted Buckingham Palace."

Before the meeting of Parliament some pains were taken in this part of the county of Cambridge to get memorials to the Queen, praying for a dissolution of Parliament, signed in the various parishes; but as a county we did not aid the movement which was going on every where else by any more public demonstration. The spirited inhabitants of the Isle of Ely, at the call of their Protection Society, met at their Shire Hall, and gave expression to their sentiments and their hopes in a manner which it was gratifying to us to record. This, however, was not a county gathering; and we confess we have at times felt somewhat disappointed at what had the appearance of lukewarmness in a district that always occupied a foremost place in any general movement of the agricultural body.

The time has now come when apathy, if apathy, it was, has been shaken off, and the loud cry for a restoration of the principle of Protection to the labour and property of England, against unfair competition by foreign countries, will be swelled by a voice from Cambridgeshire. It will be seen by an advertisement in another column, that a requisition to the High Sherriff, most numerously and respectably signed, desiring him to call a county meeting, to "consider the present deplorable condition of agriculture, and the general interests of the country," has been presented, and that the High Sheriff has appointed such meeting to be holden in the Corn Exchange, at Ely, on Thursday, the 2nd of May. The high sheriff is an Isle of Ely man, and that alone would make the selection of Ely for the meeting appropriate: but when it is remembered how much more central is the situation of Ely than that of Cambridge, and that the intention is to draw all the county together, we think it will be acknowledged that the selection is a good one.

We rejoice in announcing the intended meeting, and heartily trust it may tend to strengthen the hands of those who are working for the overthrow of that sad system of free-trade which has already wrought so much evil for this country, and laid the foundation of so much more.

A Puzzle for the Ely People
(We suppose our readers in and about Ely will comprehend some allusions in the following letter, which to us, living at a distance, seem a little mysterious)

Mr. Editor
I nouse you like the Koose to have the same sorce as the Kander. Last market da evry boddy was luken at him: all the ri rinkels was out of his Fase: it was plain the Lard of the Manner dident like himself without protecshun. These here claver men like Muster Latun wore klee in there kountenanses, so I axed Muster Baken wat were up, as I have herd thare had bin a meetun at the All; and byr wat I koud make out, if ane won holds a offese and don't do nothen, that protex him from been ovarcer, and that the peepel were all Muster Harlix land is, had won and all, acept Muster Stubbens, wo had dun all the hamlet karten, voted him out, as he adent spent the munney about the pond as they likud. So thare was no more protecshun for him, and he must feal what we do, work hard, spend out munney, and get no muneration: that's wat Fre Trade makes us do. Lork, ent it klorius? The man who made the bels ring and shingle, and put out the grate lofe when fre trade kome, is to maik the raits, git em in, and pay the munney akorden to ordur, without munerashun, and they are goen to make all pore – and I am shure fre trade is maken us all so – Kontribute to the Unon. Ime propur sori Muster Harlick is so hurt about it: he says he ent had propur respect pade him, and will lose awl he has afore he'll serve. I fear many bigur than he will lose all afore they get back protecshun; and if the Justaces don't make him serve, the kommon people will see there is one law for the grate foks and anuther for them as ant got so much munney.
Yours, A Parushoner
Ely, 17th April, 1850

National Schools
On the evening of Sunday, the 14th of April, a sermon was preached by the Rev. Professor Scholefield, canon of Ely, in the church of the Holy Trinity, Ely on behalf of the National Schools in that city, for girls and boys. The rev. gentleman addressed a very large congregation with his well known eloquence and ability, and succeeded in obtaining a contribution from those present amounting to £8 15s 6d.

The Bedford Level Corporation

On Thursday last, at noon, the annual April meeting of the Bedford Level Corporation, was holden in the Shire Hall, Ely. The attendance of the Commonalty was by no means so numerous as usual; but amongst them we recognised many of the habitants of these meetings. Lord Hardwicke was in the chair, and the members of the Board present were as follows:Hon. E. T. Yorke, M. P.; H. S. Waddington, Esq.; M. P.; R. G. Townley, Esq., M. P.; Messrs. Bull, S. Bradfield, Culledge, E. Foster, T. W. Granger, H. Lawrence, Layton, Martin (Goosetree), H. Martin, W. Nix, T. Richardson, T. Saberton, T. Seaber, J. Vipan and T. Vipan. Letters were read from Mr. F. C. H. Russell, M. P.; and Mr. Tyco Wing, the former being absent on account of Parliamentary business, and the latter on account of the ill health of himself and family, having lost a daughter, and a son lying at the point of death.

Salaries

Before the election of officers was proceeded with, Mr. T. Nix drew the attention of the Board to the subject of the salaries of the officers of the Corporation, and asked it some reduction could not be made therein. In these free-trade times, salaries pressed very heavily upon the farmers. (Hear). If the Board saw any reasonable ground for a saving in the matter of salaries, he was sure it would be thought well of by the country. Some officers he was quite aware, were underpaid, but others were overpaid. He trusted the Board would appoint a committee to take the whole matter into consideration, and he was sure the country would agree to what such committee might recommend, whether it recommended reduction or not.

The Chairman, in reply to the gentleman who had addressed the meeting upon the important subject of salaries, had satisfaction in being able to state that the Board had not been neglectful of it, but had the day before thought it their duty to take it into consideration, an had in consequence directed a committee to assemble for the purpose of taking a review of the salaries of the officers of the lower group, not of the higher. That Committee would report to the Whitsun meeting. (Hear.)

Mr. T. Nix wished the board would take all the salaries into consideration, and to confine themselves to any one class. The country would not oppose what they might recommend, after a due investigation.

Mr. Eagle would give no opinion as to the necessity of any reduction in special cases; but he did not like the principle of taking the lower salaries, and letting the higher go untouched. The saving to be effected by a revision of salaries might be trifling in amount; but it was necessary to make such revision under that curse of the country, free-trade (hear). Again he said, he did not like the principle of leaving the higher salaries untouched. For his part, in the matter of reduction of expenditure, he would begin at the top with the Queen and Prince Albert, and do downwards (applause). With the view of carrying out that principle, he hoped the Board would include all the salaries in their investigation. They all knew that the change in the corn-laws had much increased the value of money, and enabled those who had fixed incomes to live better than before. If a gentleman had a salary of £100, he could now make £70, go as far as his £100. He wished to set on foot the doctrine of reducing salaries, and making those who had helped to bring upon this country the calamity of free-trade fees the consequence of their own measure: and with that view he would begin with the highest in the land (hear). This might seem to be strong language; but he was sure the feeling of the farmers in this district went even farther than what he had given expression to. The fact was, the agriculturists were becoming desperate (hear); there was no question about that. They were becoming desperate under the lighting influence of free-trade, and would be glad to bring the free-traders into the same boat with themselves. If they could not swim together, the farmers were resolved that they would sink together. For his par, he was not prepared to sacrifice his property to the notions of free-traders, nor did he see why one sort of property ought to be sacrificed more than another. It was very common for landlords, when they did condescend to met their tenants at Protectionist meetings, to dilate upon the sufferings of the labourers, and make that the great point of their advocacy; but he thought they would do better to say they came to defend their own property, for their property had as much right to be saved to them as the property of others. Why, there was more injustice in this free-trade, than in socialism. The socialists said all property was robbery; but the free-traders seemed to hold that rent only was robbery, and that other

property should be held sacred, such as the dividends of the fundholder. Now, he thought that rents rested upon a better foundation than dividends in the funds; he did not wish to see such a thing as an attack upon the funds take place, but he was sure it would. He knew the effect of cheapness: our whole system was based upon high prices, and if the cheap system was to prevail, it would bring down the throne and the institutions of the country. Therefore he was desirous to oppose this system of free-trade, or rather of cheapness. Free-trade met him at every turn, and he would meet free-trade at every turn. We had a poor, imbecile ministry; and he said the landed interest might easily attain the ascendancy, and oust such a government. But, unfortunately the men who ought to take the lead seemed resolved, he was sorry to say, to do nothing themselves, and to let others do nothing. They seemed to have lost even the brute instinct of self—preservation, and fancied they could outride the storm that was raging around them – that the labourer and the tenant might be sacrificed, and rent remain. Such folly was never before heard of. He feared there was nothing before them, unless a considerable change took place, but revolution and convulsion; still he exhorted all to do their best to prevent that sort of thing, and to do battle at all times with free-trade principles. With him, it was war to the knife; he would not be sacrificed, if he could help it. If all the landed interest would act upon a similar principle, it would be better for this country. He had no desire a monied aristocracy, in the place of a landed aristocracy; but the landed aristocracy were pulling themselves down; they were like the Frenchman who said "I will be drowned, and nobody with save me" (laughter). He had made a digression; his excuse was that he was an out-and-out Protectionist. That, however, was not the place for saying all that he had to say; but he had said noting he was not prepared to support by argument. He would just mention one thing that was a most flagrant injustice, the extortion practised upon the tenant in regard to the property tax.
The Chairman here interposed, and said that, as long as Mr. Eagle was arguing his views as to a reduction of salaries, he did not interfere; but not that he had broken new ground he must be stopped.
Mr. Eagle said, really men's circumstances were so reduced, and so much of their property was taken away from them, that perhaps he had been impelled by his feelings a little too far. He concluded by repeating that he hoped to see the principle of a reduction of salaries carried out from the highest to the lowest, not so much on account of the pecuniary gain, as because it would be the means of converting many a Free-Trader into a strong Protectionist, by the potent argument of the pocket – (hear, hear).
The Chairman said the feeling of the Board was entirely with Mr. Nix and Mr. Eagle on the subject of the low salaries; they had no notion whatever of making an attack upon the low salaries, and giving an advantage to the high ones. But the Board believed that the high salaries had already been severely revised. When he (Lord Hardwicke) left this country, Mr. Wells was in receipt of £401. 15s as Register; upon his return, he found Mr. Archer discharging the duties for £250. But as the low salaries had not been revised, the Board determined to appoint a committee upon that subject. In his own opinions he thought such revision would be useful, although he had grave bouts about obtaining any considerable pecuniary advantage therefrom.
Mr. T. Nix said a revision would give satisfaction, even if not much money was gained by it; and he trusted that, before the Whitsun meeting, the committee would look through all the salaries.
Mr. Eagle hoped all the salaries would be embraced in the enquiry: a distinction between the high and low would have a bad appearance, and would hardly be satisfactory to the higher officers themselves.
Mr. C. Wooll wished to have the resolution of the Board upon this subject read, in order that the meeting might know that was going to be done. The noble Chairman spoke of a review of the salaries; but he did not see what was the use of a mere review, like a regiment of soldiers in Hyde Park, the mace-bearer and others passing before the committee in grand procession – (laughter) What was wanted was something practical; an inquiry with a view to reduction.
The Chairman said he himself had laboured under a misapprehension. There was no actual order made by the Board upon the subject.
Mr. Yorke said Mr. Wooll was rather misapprehending the matter. Revision was a consequence; they must review first, as a step to revision.

Mr. E. Foster observed that there was a great reduction of high salaries last year. The salary of the Register was reduced from £320 to £250; that of the Receiver and Expenditor-General from £80 to £50; and others in the same way. This fact should be borne in mind in considering this subject.
Mr. Layton said that as a member of the Board he was quite willing to follow the suggestions that had been made. If the Commonalty would leave the Board to deal with the question, he thought they would be satisfied.
The subject was dropped.

Election of Officers

The re-election of Lord Hardwicke as surveyor-General, without a salary; of Mr. Archer as Register, at a salary of £250; of Mr. Evans as Receiver and Expeditor-General, at a salary of £50; of Mr. Harding as superintendent-General, at a salary of £200; of Mr. Marshall as Auditor, at a salary of £40; of Mr. Balls as Mace-bearer, at a salary of £5. 5s., and of various Sluice-keepers, was then made.

The Middle Level

The appointment of Mr. Nylne, engineer, as referee on behalf of the Corporation, to meet Mr. Walker as referee on behalf of the Middle Level, in the matter of compensation to be paid by the former to the later for being relieved from the responsibility of keeping the Tongs in repair, was confirmed.
Mr. T Nix rather objected to the appointment of an engineer; but it was explained by Mr. Layton that his services would only be required In case the committee appointed to confer with the Middle Level should fail in making an arrangement. Moreover, the expenses would be borne by the Middle Level.

Arrears

Mr. C. Wooll was about to make an observation upon the abstract of accounts for the last year that was just laid before the meeting, when
The Chairman suggested that it would be fat better to delay any discussion upon that document until it had been some time longer in their hands. The proper time for such discussion would be at the Whitsun meeting.
Mr. C. Wooll said he should not detain the meeting two minutes by what he had to say. In the last account the rents in arrear were returned at "202. 12s. 6d., of which no less that £233 10s., still remained unpaid. That showed some favouritism, and the Commonalty were determined to set their faces against it, and he hoped the board would do the same.
The Chairman quite entered into Mr. Wooll's feelings in this matter. It was the same in private transactions; if a tenant was not compelled to pay his rent when it was due, the estate was likely to fall to pieces. Still there were cases in which it might be wise on the part of the landlord to be a little lenient to the tenant. So in the cases alluded to by Mr. Wooll, they might be exceptions to the rule of severity. At any rate, he was quite sure there was no favouritism.

Mr. Culledge said he was mixed upon in a chancery suit, where £150, due to the Corporation was paid into court only nine or ten days ago; that sum was paid to the Treasurer that very morning, and thus a large portion of what Mr. Wooll complained of was explained.
Mr. W. Nix said that about £30 more was quite irrecoverable.
The Chairman said that in matters of this sort there were often circumstances that could not be stated to the public, for it would be manifestly unjust to say what steps had been taken against A, B, or C.

With this the subject dropped, and the Chairman dissolved the meeting.

The Market

On Thursday last, 18 stone (net weight) red wheat, in fine condition, were sold at 16s per coomb; and 18 stone 3 lbs (with the sack) Taunton Dean, white wheat, in fine condition also, at 16s 6d per coomb; oats, 7d per stone; highland barley 15st 4 lbs (net weight) per coomb, at 10s. Will Lord John Russell, Sir R. Peel and Cobden think these prices steady remunerating?
April 27 1850

Country Markets
Ely, Thursday, April 25

	Quantity		Average		
	Q	B	£	S	D
Wheat	946	5	1	12	8
Barley	61	4	1	1	7
Oats	564	0	0	13	1
Beans	320	0	1	2	8
Peas	12	0	1	2	0

Isle of Ely
Contemplated improvement
We understand that the Mansion and Gardens formerly occupied by Miss Waddington have been sold to a speculator, Mr. Watson, who contemplated clearing the land and allot0ing it out in pieces for building purposes.

Ely Division
(Before the Revs. Dr. Fardell, Sparke, and Miller)

James Smith, tramp, charged with begging at Sutton: apprehended by p.c. Broughton. Committed to prison for 21 days.

Hopkin Miller, Downham, labourer, charged with leaving his wife and children chargeable to the parish. Committed for 13 days.

John Barlow, tramp, charged with begging at Witchford; apprehended by p.c. Ditchfield. Committed to prison for 6 days.

Mary Murray, tramp, charged with being drunk and disorderly at Ely. Discharged and sent to the Union.

John Youngs and Joseph Saltson, Mepal, watermen, charged with sealing fowls, the property of Mr. Rudson, of Chatteris. Apprehended by p.c. Fletcher and Broughton. Discharged.
May 4 1850
Country Markets
Ely, Thursday, May 2

	Quantity		Average		
	Q	B	£	S	D
Wheat	625	5	1	13	3
Barley	9	0	1	0	0
Oats	558	0	0	13	1
Beans	71	0	1	2	4
Peas	5	0	1	2	0

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Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech, 1st May, 1850

Middle Level Drainage
Further Loan

Notice is hereby given, that the Middle Level Drainage Commissioners, acting under and in execution of an Act of Parliament, passed in the Session holden in the 50th year of the reign of his late majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act for improving the Drainage of certain Lands within the north and south-west parts of the Middle Level part of the Great Level of the Fens commonly called Bedford level;" and of an Act passed in the 7th and 8th years of the reign of her present Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act for improving the Drainage and Navigation of the Middle Level of the Fens;" and also under an Act of Parliament passed in the session holden in the 11th and 12th years of the reign of her said present Majesty, intituled "An Act to amend the Acts for improving the Drainage and Navigation of the Middle Level of the Fens, and for other purposes connected therewith;" will hold a Special Meeting of the said Commissioners, on Thursday, the ninth day of May next, at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, in the town of March, in the isle of Ely and county of Cambridge, at the Griffin Inn, there.

And it is proposed that at such Meeting the said Middle Level Drainage Commissioners shall borrow at interest from Joseph Gurney Barclay, and Robert Buchanan Dunlop, Esquires, and Sir Charles Rugge Price, baronet, the further sum of Seventy Thousand Pounds, to be paid and advanced in one sum; or if the Commissioners shall otherwise agree and determine, then to be paid and advanced in four instalments, at such times and in such amounts as shall be then and there determined upon by the said Commissioners, on the credit of the Taxes by the hereinbefore mentioned Act of the 11th and 12th years of her said present majesty directed or authorised to be imposed by the said Middle Level Drainage Commissioners, for the purpose of enabling the said Commissioners to complete the undertaking authorised by the said Act of the 7th and 8th years of her said present Majesty, except so far as the same is altered or varied by the said Act of the 11th and 12th years of her said present Majesty, and to execute the works by the said last mentioned Act authorised to be done by the said Commissioners, in addition to the sum of £180,000 already lent by the said Joseph Gurney Barclay, Robert Buchanan Dunlop, and Sir Charles Rugge Price to the said Commissioners, on the credit of the same Taxes, and for the same purpose. And that for securing the repayment of the said sum of £70,000 so to be borrowed as aforesaid, and for further securing the repayment of the said sum of £180,000 so already lent as aforesaid, and the payment of the interest thereof respectively, five of the said Commissioners present at such Meeting shall then and there, by some writing or writings, instrument or instruments, under their hands and seals, Mortgage, Grant, and Assign unto the said Joseph Gurney Barclay, Robert Buchanan Dunlop, and Sir Charles Rugge Price, their heirs and assigns, all the same Taxes, together with all powers and remedies whatsoever for recovering and enforcing payment thereof; and also make such nomination of a Receiver, and enter into such covenants, agreements, and provisions as in such writing or writings, instrument or instruments, shall be expressed and contained.

Dated this twenty fifth day of April, 1850

John Fryer
John Laurence
Thomas Bowker
John Burnham
Geo. Game Day
David Martin
James Read
John Boyce

Clerk to the Middle Level Drainage Commissioners

Great County Meeting At Ely

The reader was made aware a fortnight ago of the intention to hold a County meeting for the purpose of considering what measures it might be necessary to take in the present exceedingly critical condition of the agricultural and other interests of the country. Ely was fixed upon as the locality for the holding of the meeting, in consequence of its central situation, and the fact that the High Sheriff is a resident in the Isle. The Corn Exchange was fitted up for the occasion in a very substantial and excellent manner. On the south side of the area a hustings was erected for the speakers and others; and at the north side a spacious gallery afforded accommodation to some hundreds of auditors. The Corn Exchange at Ely, arranged as it was on Thursday, is calculated to hold some 2.500 persons, and it was filled by a very respectable company, composed chiefly of

agriculturalists and those connected with agriculture, who were all of one accord as to the destructive tendencies of free-trade. Not a whisper of opposition was heard throughout the meeting, except a silly cry of "free trade" once or twice uttered by some children and hodmen who were just within the doors. We imagine that all parts of the county and isle sent their quota upon the occasion: from this end of the county a special train, leaving Chesterford at 10 o'clock, and Cambridge at half past, conveyed a goodly load. It is many a day since the quiet streets of Ely presented a scene of so much bustle and animation.

It is rumoured that a body of free-traders from Cambridge would attend to disturb the meeting: but if such an intention were ever entertained, it was wisely abandoned. To interrupt a meeting composed of over 2,000 stalwart farmers and their connections would have been a very hairbrained thing to do, even if Cambridge had sent every free-trader that she could muster.

The High Sheriff, John Vipan, Esq., attended by the Under Sheriff, John Lawrence, Esq., presided, and took the chair precisely at twelve o'clock. An accurate list of the leading persons present is out of the question: all that we can do in that way is to give the names of those who happened to fall under our observation; but it must be borne in mind that there were doubtless many others there equally entitled to notice, whom we cannot enumerate because we had no opportunity of recognising them in the crowd. There were upon the platform and in the body of the Exchange – The Earl of Hardwicke; Hon. E. T. Yorke, M.P.; R. G. Townley; Esq. M.P.; Revs. C. Townley, W. G. Townley, Ivatt, Miller, Smith etc.,; Messrs. Cotton, Dobede, Layton, St. Quinton, jun., Hicks, Fyson, Culledge, Orton, (March), Marshall (Elm), S. Jonas, Ball, Moseley, Pates, Witt (Denny Abbey), Colliers (2), Frost, Ivatts (2), Webb, Martins (5), Luddingtons (3), Archer, Pecks (2), Bennett (Cambridge), Grangers (4) Cropleys (3), Peacocks (5), Ekin (Cambridge), Hazard (Cambridge), Balls (2), Grains (3), Page Howard, Maris, Flanders, Littles, Haylocks, Ellis, Favell (Cambridge) Woodley (Cambridge), Oslar, Emsons (2), Thurnall, Headly, Barley (March), C. Wooll, W. Eagle, Ward, Hustwick, Porters, Cutlacks, Swanns (2), J. Swan (Cambridge), Bidwell, Legge, Dennis (3), Johnson, Linton, Elliot (March), Mann, Beaumont, Hurrell, G. P. Twiss, Banyard, Sparrow, Slacks, Boyce, Reads, Camps, Drages, Muriels, Titmarch, Bates, Halls, Harlocks, Phillips, Savage, Gilletts, Scott, Few, Brainsby, Sindall, Bull, Hopkin, Jones, Seabers, King (Bottisham), Lyon, Sabertons, Vipan, Pigott, Lawrence, Minet, Robinson, Gleaves, Yarrow etc. etc.

The High Sheriff having requested the Under Sheriff to read the requisition convening the meeting, that functionary complied, and the Sheriff then congratulated the assembly on its numbers and important character, and claimed an impartial hearing for such gentlemen as chose to address it.

Mr. Alex Cotton then came forward to propose the first resolution, which was:-
"That the unparalleled distress now existing amongst all classes engaged in the cultivation of the soil in the United Kingdom, is of such an alarming nature, and of such an overwhelming extent, that their inevitable ruin must be the consequence unless speedy relief be afforded."
He commenced by observing that the resolution hardly required advocacy, for the painful fact was evident to their senses that every succeeding market was lower that, the preceding, and that live stock was selling at less than the cost of its production. The effect of this must eventually be, and none but a bigot to free trade would deny it, that the poor lands must be given up, and what would be the consequence of that but ruin to the landlord, the tenant, the labourer, and last of all the capitalist himself (loud cheers); for when agriculture should be ruined, where would they look for the assessed taxes and the interest of the national debt? (cheers) where, he asked, were they to come from, when the sons of the soil should be ruined and left without the means of subsistence? (cheers). He had seen lately in the Standard a very applicable verse or two on this subject:-

"Within Saint Stephen's two Sir Robert shone;
Walpole the one was named, the other P-------l;
Too crafty both their policy to own,
In sophistry they knew well how to deal;

In tactics wary, cunning in debate,
The House to wheedle, or the tongue to hold
Would you the difference then between them state?
The one his party bought, the other sold."

(loud cheers). He was now about to touch on tender ground, and it was a matter of painful consideration, for how often did they see the Peers take upon themselves the office of mere registrars of votes in the lower house. He did not find fault with those who had supported the ministry throughout, but with those who had deserted their constituencies under the alleged fear of an outbreak.
Mr. C. Moseley (New Barns), said he should not have appeared before the meeting had he not been required to second the resolution they had just heard read. Not one felt more deeply then himself the importance of that resolution, and he regretted that he had not a sufficient command of words to do it justice. He considered it an act of great injustice that the legislature should allow the foreigner to introduce his corn and cattle into this country free of duty; while the English farmer suffered under the poor-rates, highway rates, church and other rates, and taxes in the shape of duty upon every article he had to purchase. He thought the time was now arrived when they should speak plain, and though he had but few remarks to make they were such as could not be mistaken – (cheers). .....

[This resolution, like all the others, was passed unanimously].

The Under-Sheriff here read a letter from Lord George Manners, dated on the 27th, from Hyde Park Barracks excusing his Lordship's absence from the meeting on the grounds of his having to attend as a member of a Select Committee of the House of Commons, which had adjourned to the same day. His Lordship stated that they were all aware of his sentiments on the subject.

Mr. W. Layton (Soham Place) on rising, was then warmly received. After some preliminary observations, he said he should have felt himself criminal if he had not taken part in the proceedings of a meeting such as that and had to propose –

"That it is the opinion of this meeting that the distress now existing is caused entirely by the free import of the produce of foreign labour into this country under the name of free-trade, displacing, as it does, to a fearful and alarming extent, the demand for the labour of our own people."

Mr. Ball (Burwell), in seconding the resolution, said he did not entirely approve of the speech by which it had been introduced, for heavily taxed as we were, he thought it would be impossible to maintain taxes, tithes, and the national debt. He could not understand how it was a just and reasonable thing to have that by which they maintained themselves and paid taxes, taken away, and then to be asked to fulfil and discharge the same duties as before (hear, hear).

Mr. St. Quentin, jun., proposed the third resolution, asking that at this critical period it behoved every man to stand up his ideas, and do the best he could to advance the common cause. The resolution was as follows:-

"That under the pressure of the existing overwhelming taxation of the country, it is an act of the greatest injustice to compel any of the producing classes, who derive no protection from import duties, to compete with the lightly-skilled labour of foreign lands; and that unless proper protection to the native industry of this kingdom be restored, we will be found utterly impracticable to raise by local and general taxation the funds required for the maintenance of institutions of the country."

In the spirit of that resolution he entirely concurred, believing that it would be impossible, if the present system continued, to raise the necessary funds for the maintenance of the integrity and honour of this country.

"Changes ought not to be adventured upon without a apprehensive discernment of the consequences, without a knowledge as well of the remote tendency, as of the imitate design. The courage of a statesman should re- able that of a commander who, however regardless of personal danger, never forget that, with his own, he commits. the lives and fortunes of a multitude, and who does not consider it as any proof of zeal or valour to stake the duty of other men upon the success of a perilous or desperate enterprise."

Mr. Alderman Ekin, of Cambridge, seconded the motion with great pleasure.

Mr. Hicks of Wilbraham, proposed the fourth resolution:-
"That although this meeting repudiates the idea of any reduction of taxation being regarded as an equivalent for protection, it is the opinion of this meeting that, in the absence of protection, it is an act of great oppression to tax one article of out native produce 100 per cent, and that the malt tax can no longer be tolerated, and that to call upon the tenant farmer to pay a tax on his own produce, and at the same time to deprive his of the means of obtaining a profit, operated with great hardship upon him."

Mr. Johnson said he doubt himself unexpectedly called on to propose the fifth resolution, and in so doing he should confine himself as a practical man to making a few practical observations. His resolution was –
"That in the opinion of this meeting nothing but a return to customs duties on all foreign produce will restore to all classes of this country and of the colonies that prosperity which the repeal of those duties has unjustly taken from them."

Mr. S. Jonas said he had much pleasure in seconding the resolution, as he was confident that nothing would save them from ruin but a resumption of the wise policy adopted so many years ago.

Mr. Oslar, (Whittlesford), as an occupier of land and payer of taxes had great pleasure in proposing a resolution which alluded to a tax evidently unjust and unfair, and another instance of the injury inflicted on the landed interest which had been so frequently alluded to that day.
"That under the operation of the present free-trade system, it is unjust to subject the owner of land to the payment of tithes commuted under a protective system, and that the existing mode of ascertaining the tithe averages ought to be revised, with a view to any alterations the justice of the case may require."

Mr. T. Granger in seconding the resolution, likewise subject to the way in which the Tithe Rent Charges are now levied.

Mr. T. Archer (Ely), proposed the adoption of a petition which was read, and which embodied the above resolutions.

After a vote of thanks had been passed by acclamation the High Sheriff, for his conduct in the Chair.

Mr. Eagle, who, we resume, had noticed that the motion for entrusting the petition to the County members neither been seconded or put to the Meeting, proposed that it be entrusted to Lord George manners alone, but was met with some laughter by those who considered the proceedings terminated

A vote of thanks was then passed to W. Layton, Esq., and the Trustees, for the use of the hall (also by acclamation) and the Meeting terminated.

Full account on Page 2, columns 7, 8 and Page 3 columns 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Eau Brink Drainage
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And Notice is further given, that at such Meeting it will be proposed that such part of the Lands and Channel of the Old River Ouze as is situate between the Upper Dam, made by the said Commissioners of Drainage, near the upper end of the Eau Brink Cut, and the last Cross Embankment, made by the said Commissioners of Drainage, at or near a place called Parson's Pool, and containing altogether about Five Hundred and Twenty-eight Acres, shall be sold and disposed of in such portions and parcels and in such manner, and wither by public auction or Private Contract, as the Commissioners of Drainage present at the said meeting shall direct. And that it will be submitted to the consideration of the Commissioner that it will be proper to sell so much of the said Five Hundred and Twenty-eight Acres of land as is situate between the said Upper dam and the road called Pullover road, and contains about Two Hundred and Forty-two acres in one lot, or in two lots, to be described to the said Commissioners of Drainage at the said meeting, and to sell the remainder of the said Five Hundred and Twenty-eight Acres, and which comprises so much of the said land proposed to be sold as is situate to the northward of the said Pullover Road, and between the same and the aforesaid Cross Embankment, near parson's Pool, in one lot, or in three lots, to be described at the said meeting.
Dated this first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty.
T. & G. Archer
Clerks to the said Commissioner of Drainage.

Isle of Ely
Fen Crops - The long continuance of the dry cold weather, with frosty nights and warm days, is working its usual effects upon the fen wheats. The early-sown up on land in good heart looks well; but upon the lighter soils, and even upon pure land, where there is a deficiency of clay, it has nearly been swept off by the wire-worm; whilst in many places and plant is so much injured by the strong wind which blew some weeks ago, that the weather, however genial it may be, will not restore it or make it half a corp. It rarely happens that the fen wheats in general look so thin and are injured to so great an extent. With regard to the spring cropping, the beans, although looking healthy, are at a stand-still; and the oats that are up are suffering from the frosty nights, and the want of warm showers: the plant, however, is not old enough to enable us to determine whether it will be permanently injured. The prospect, therefore, so far as the fens are concerned, is anything but cheering.
May 11 1850
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Ely
Eight Freehold Tenements
With nearly half an Acre of Garden Ground behind the same, well planted with Trees and Bushes.
Back Hill, Ely
To be Sold by Auction
By George Legge
At the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Wednesday, the 15th day of May, 1850, between the hours of six and eight in the evening; subject to such conditions of sale as shall be then produced, and in the following or such other lots as shall then be agreed upon.

Lot1. – Two Freehold Cottages or Tenements, situate on the south said of Back Hill, now in the occupation of Thomas Hall and David Holmes, having a frontage next the street of about 28 feet, with a portion of the Yard, Lodges, and Garden behind the same, extending in depth from the street, about 166 feet, as now staked out.

Lot 2. – Two other Freehold Cottages or Tenements situate on Back Hill aforesaid, and on the west side of lot 1, now in the occupation of Thomas Negus and William Manson, having a frontage next the street of about 39 feet, with a portion of the Yard, Lodges, and Gardens behind the same, extending in depth from the street about 166 feet, as now staked out.

Lot 3. – Two other Freehold Cottages or Tenements, situate on Back Hill aforesaid, and on the west side of Lot 2, now in the occupation of John Holmes and Chris. Hall, having a frontage next the street of about 26 feet, with a portion of the Yard, Lodges, and Garden behind the same, extending in depth from the street about 166 feet, as now staked out.

Lot 4. – Two other Freehold Cottages or Tenements, situate on Back Hill aforesaid, and on the west side of lot 3., now in the occupation of W. Askew and Robert Lupson, having a frontage (including the gateway) next the street of about 33 feet, with a portion of the Yard, Lodges, and Garden behind the same, extending in depth from the street about 166 feet, as now staked out.
For further particulars apply to Messrs. Evans and Son, solicitors; or the Auctioneer, Ely.
Ely, May 6, 1850

Eastern Counties Railway
Whitsuntide Holidays

An Excursion Train
Will leave the undermentioned Stations for Cambridge and London
On Whit-Monday, May 20th
As follows:

From	At Morning		Fares to Cambridge and Back				Fares to London and Back			
			Close Carriages		Open Carriages		Close Carriages		Open Carriages	
	H	M	S	D	S	D	S	D	S	D
Wisbech	7	45	4	0	2	6	9	0	6	0
Ely	9	0	2	6	1	9	7	6	5	0
March	8	5	4	0	2	6	9	0	6	0
Chatteris	8	30	3	0	2	0	8	0	5	0
Huntingdon	8	30								
St Ives	8	55	2	6	1	9	7	6	5	0
Cambridge	9	55					7	0	4	0
Bishop's Stortford	10	55					4	0	2	6

Due in London About Half-past Twelve o'clock
The Special Train
Will return from London at 15 minutes before 7; and from Cambridge at 9 o'clock the same evening, but parties have the option of returning any day during the week by the Train leaving London at 6 o'clock in the morning.

Tickets may be obtained on application at any of the above Stations from the 16th instant.
By Order
London, 4th May, 1850

Isle of Ely Adjourned Sessions
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Hugh Jackson
Clerk of the Peace

Wisbech, 1st May, 1850

Isle of Ely
Ely - The Crops - The continued cold weather is having a very destructive effect upon the wheat crops in the fens. The ravages of the wire worm and daily upon the increase, which nothing but a change from the severely cold weather we have lately endured can stay. Many pieces of wheat, which a few weeks ago looked most promising, are being ploughed up, and potatoes planted.
Horse and Cattle Fair - About the usual supply: prices ruinously low, and few or no sales effected.

Ely Union Workhouse
Nurse Wanted
The Guardians of the Ely Union will be prepared at the Board meeting, on Thursday, the 16th day of May instant, at Eleven o'clock, to receive and decide on applications for the office of Resident Nurse to the Hospitals at the Union Workhouse, Ely.

Middle aged widows (without children) will be preferred.

Salary, £13, a year payable quarterly, with Board and Lodging in the workhouse.

Candidates will be expected to be able to read, and write, and must attend the meeting personally, with Testimonials of Character and fitness.
By order of the Board
W. Marshall, Clerk
Ely, May 2nd, 1850

Agricultural Report for April
The wheats upon all the woodland and light soft soils have suffered much in loss of plant from the cold weather. In the fen districts especially; the wireworm has played great havoc with the plant, and so bad as it is that hundreds of acres are being ploughed up and planted with potatoes. Upon our stronger and better clay soils, and upon the dry gravels, the plant looks vigorous and healthy; and, with a change of weather, and warm genial showers, we conceive that, even yet where the plant has been much thinned out, it will tiller and spread out, and come to be thick enough for a good crop, especially if the land be up to the mark in point of condition. The barleys, too, have felt the effects of the cold weather, and upon the stiffer soils they have assumed a brown rusty appearance. Beans and peas have come up with strong broad leaves, and seem to suffer less than anything else from the present very ungenial weather. The intense frosts during the latter part of March have, it is feared, destroyed many of the sets of potatoes in the ground. Wherever the ground was in a rough state, and the dung under and not above the sets, the frost has done the greatest injury. The immense extent to which the capricious and mystical disease to which of late years it has been subject, makes it one of peculiar interest to the fen farmer. A few years back scarcely an acre was to be seen planted with this crop; now almost every other field is laid under contribution to this very important root; and we doubt not that the very low prices for grain have given a great stimulus to such an extended cultivation. The late cold weather has also much checked the pastures, and although stock is now generally turned out, they have as yet a very short bite. It has been a fine season for young lambs, and we believe the fall has been a very abundant one. The fallows were never in a better state for working for green crops, and advantage has been taken of this rather extensively, in preparing the land and sowing mangold wurtzel. The markets for store sheep and beasts have been a shade better during the last fortnight, and the season of the year has brought a little more demand; but the prices yet are at very sorry figure, and are anything but remunerative to the breeder. So it is with both beef and mutton; the grazier has lost half the value, if not more, of the artificial food which has been consumed by his stock during the last six months. We wonder how it is that, with the flourishing state, as we are told, of our manufacturing districts, and the full

employment of the operatives at good wages, our beef, mutton and bread have so long remained at such ruinously low prices to the producer. Has not the hope been held out to us that if our manufacturers were in receipt of good wages and full employment, we should receive wholesome and remunerative prices for our produce? Do not your free-traders say that such now is the state of the manufacturing districts? And if so, we ask how is it that such hopes have been falsified, and that the promise which has been held to the ear has been broken to the heart? Most assuredly because our artizans and operatives are now consuming the produce of the foreigner, instead of the home grower. So long as this continues, we have no reason to expect wheat to range, in a general way, beyond its present miserable low rate of 4s.6d per bushel; and so long as this price continues, there can be no prosperity in our rural districts, and ultimately, as a consequence, none in our manufacturing. No one, be he who he may, whether he farm high or low, can long stand up under the present price of wheat at 4sd.6d per bushel, and with other produce, as a matter of course, in a proportionate value. Upon our medium and poor clay soils, all rent is gone at such prices; and if a total remission of all the taxes which the farmer pays upon his malt, tea, sugar, coffee, and everything else, were made to him, it would be of no avail under the present confiscation of his property. We are much astonished how so many of our friends can be deluded with the idea that if these taxes were abolished, wholly or in part, they could fight their way under free-trade. Why the question is a very simple one of £. s. d., and may be very easily solved by any one taking the trouble to do so; but we venture to hazard the opinion that not one man out of fifty who makes such a statement has every applied his mind to the facts of the case. We would take, for instance, the occupier of a farm of 300 acres, with an average family, and we will warrant that £60 a year will cover all the taxes he pays on malt, hops, tea, coffee, sugar, and everything else in domestic use, with the income-tax into the bargain; and yet, under the present system of free-trade, with the prices for grain and stock as now going, he is losing at least in the gross produce of his farm £300 a year. We hope that those of our friends who have adopted such fallacious views will shortly discover that there can be no adequate compensation, in the reduction of taxation, for the loss of that protection which our native agriculture has enjoyed for centuries.

Desirable Landed Investments

At Downham, Isle of Ely

C. M. Bidwell

Begs to inform the Public that he has received instructions to offer for Sale by Auction, at the Lamb Inn, in Ely, on Thursday, June 6th, 1850, at five o'clock in the evening, in convenient lots.

148A 1R 31P of first rate Fen and High Land, with Two substantial Farm Homesteads, situate at Downham aforesaid.

Further particulars will appear in future papers.

Ely, April 25th, 1850

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Bedford Level Corporation

Rents in Arrear

Notice is hereby given to all Persons, whose Rents, due at or before the last April Meeting, are in arrear, that unless the same shall be paid seven days before the ensuing Whitsun Meeting, a list of the Names, with the amount of their arrears, will be affixed on the door of the Shire Hall, and in the Board Room at the Whitsun Meeting.

H. R. Evans

Receiver General

Ely, May 16th, 1850

Country Markets

Ely, Thursday, May 16

Merchants were very shy in purchasing, and sellers not inclined to submit to lower prices, being influenced by the continuation of cold weather, which has a very destructive influence on the crops throughout the whole of the fen district.

	Quantity		Average		
	Q	B	£	S	D
Wheat	536	6	1	15	10

Barley	17	0	0	18	0
Oats	318	9	0	14	4
Beans	57	4	1	4	0
Peas	0	0	0	0	0

Sir Harry Smith

The Morning Herald, in an article upon the Cape of Good Hope, says

"The colonists are now somewhat tardily doing justice to Sir Harry Smith. Throughout the long-pending struggle we never ceased to express our conviction that no man had ever been placed in a more difficult and trying position. It is ever the fate of men, placed between the two contending parties, and determined to do their duty according to the light that is in them, to give satisfaction to neither whilst the conflict is still raging.

Isle of Ely

Ely - Escape from Prison - On Saturday last, a young vagabond, committed for stealing rags at Sutton, contrived, a few minutes after the Governor had gone round the prison, to scale the wall of one of the yards, from which he jumped from a height of about 20 feet: he was shortly "found missing", but in a few minutes was recaptured (having laid in a ditch in Paradise Close) again taken to durance vile, and ironed.

Ely – The Public Health Act

Wm. Lee, Esq., the superintending Inspector, has made his report to the general Board of Health upon the sewerage, drainage, and supply of water, and the sanitary condition of the city of Ely. His statements, though not flattering, appear fair and truthful; his reasoning clear and cogent; his conclusions rational; and his recommendations only such as necessity demands. After stating the preliminary proceedings, his report contains a short history, description of the governments local acts relative to fen drainage, plan of Ely etc.; from which we find that the Court Leet formerly was an important institution for sanitary purposes, as in 1605 the Leet Jury amerced various inhabitants, gentle and simple, in sums varying from 40s to 6d., considerable in those days, for "annoying the street with dunghills, muckhills; laying ashes; not scouring drains; annoying the streets with filthy drains; laying a dead hog in the same; suffering hogs to go in the streets," and various other offences and nuisances, which the inhabitants in modern times have tolerated. After giving some particulars of the geology and meteorology, population and rate of increase, number and classification of houses, disease and mortality (which is truly appalling), agricultural land drainage, the present drainage of the city, present supply of water with calculations as to it cost, ventilation of streets and courts, construction of houses and their appurtenances, condition of lodging-houses, condition of roads and surface of the city, insurance of property, gas works, and the state of the burial grounds, he suggests remedies to remove existing evils, and improve the health of the inhabitants, by applying the Public Health Act, 1848. The local civil government of Ely being singularly defective; much of the water used of bad quality, frequently failing when most needed, inconveniently obtained, and under any circumstances more costly then the maximum charged under the Public Health Act; the public drainage of the city very partial and insufficient; house and court drainage having scarcely been attempted; many of the cottages being improperly constructed, or dilapidated, or ill-ventilated; the lodging-houses requiring control and regulation; one of the parish graveyards being very much crowded, and the other in an unsuitable condition for interments, and as a consequence the disease and mortality of the city excessive and increasing; and the Act making provision for remedying all these evils, it is presumed it would be highly beneficial to Ely. The Right Rev., the Lord Bishop, and the Very Rev. the Dean, to whom the inhabitants are already indebted for the improvements made in laying out and planting the park, which now affords them recreation and pleasure, both say they feel greatly interested in the sanitary improvement of the city, and concur in the wish that the Act may be applied with as little delay as possible.

The mode of payment for such improvements is easy and not burdensome: no man can be called upon to pay for what does not benefit him. The only rate that can be levied upon the district is for office and management expenses, and purposes advantageous to the whole district. The inhabitants of the town must pay for their own public drainage and waterworks, as a special rate. Improved water supply must be pure, abundant, accessible where wanted, and cheap.
Improved Drainage, - Inclination of surface very favourable for efficient drainage: existing public drains to be left to take off surface water from the streets; and new earthenware-pipes to remove all nightsoil, and animal and vegetable refuse and excreta from the town, before decomposition has given off those gases which poison the atmosphere, and produce disease and death.
Agricultural and Subsoil Drainage. – Act affords great facilities for draining land; and the farmer, if he wishes to have his land drained, and it cost £5 per acre, would have to pay about 6s per annum for 30 years: if he should remove, his successor, deriving the benefit, would have to pay it.
Improved Cleansing. – Having obtained an abundant supply of water, with fire-plugs at convenient distances, and a proper system of under-ground drainage, etc., the whole surface of the town can be watered, washed, and cleansed with flexible hose and jets.
Closing of Burial Grounds. – As to the burial-ground of Ely Trinity, there appears to be but one opinion, that it ought to be closed without delay, and a new parish cemetery provided. With respect to the burial-ground of St Mary, the same conclusion; and both ought to be closed as soon as other arrangements can be made.

The Report closes with the following conclusions and recommendations:-
"1. That the sanitary condition of Ely is very defective; that the city has been frequently visited by epidemic diseases; that many of the poorer classes are in a state of great vital depression; and that low, continued, and intermittent fevers are endemic.
"2. That the mortality of the whole city is very excessive, and has increased rapidly since the year 1841; that in the seat of disease the average proportion of deaths per annum, for the last eight years, is 34½ to 1,000 of the population; and that in one locality the average rate is 45 to 1,000.
"3. That the high rate of mortality is but the index of an awful amount of preventable disease.
"4. That there are no trades or occupations carried on in the city that can exert an appreciably injurious effect on the health of the people.
"5. That narcotics are extensively consumed, being not only given to children, but also taken in large quantities by the adult population; and that the pernicious habit among the latter has to some extent caused a low vital condition, which seeks for temporary excitement and relief.
"6. That there are no public works or arrangements having reference to the health of the inhabitants.
"7. That many of the older cottages in the town are very much dilapidated, inconvenient, and crowded with occupants; and that the lodging-houses require to be placed under strict regulations.
"8. That the present substitute for drainage of buildings consists of cesspools, few of which are trapped; and that the condition of many of the privies, their position with respect to the houses, and the mode of emptying cesspools, are painfully disgusting, and much complained of by the inhabitants.
"9. That the health of the inhabitants would be much improved –
"1st. By a supply of good water, with a tap in every house, constantly on under pressure.
"2nd. By a system of efficient drainage of the site of the town, including streets, courts, houses, and other buildings, and the substitution of water-closets or cheap soil-pan apparatus for the present open privies.
"3rd. By better draining of the agricultural suburban land.
"4th. By improved paving of streets, courts, and alleys, and by improved surface cleansing.
"10. That such of the above objects as are of the nature of public works may probably be accomplished at the following rates per week for a cottage house:-
"1. Constant supply of good water from 1¼d to 1½d.
"2. Complete drainage with soil-pan apparatus, in lieu of the present privies, at 1d.
"3. Durable and impervious pavement of streets and courts, at less than one halfpenny.
"4. Public surface cleansing of streets and courts by hose and jets of water, at one halfpenny.
"11. That the sewerage manure may be applied to the agricultural lands with great advantage to such lands, and so as to produce a revenue to the city.

"12. That the whole of the weekly or annual payments for sanitary improvements will form but a small fraction of the amount now lost by preventable sickness and mortality.
"13. That the contour, inclination, and aspect of the town part of the city is very favourable for the construction of efficient sanitary works."
Whereupon it is recommended by Mr. Lee
"1. That the Public Health Act, 1848, except the sections 50 and 96, should be applied to the whole of the city of Ely.
"2. That the Local Board of Health to be elected under the said Act shall consist of fifteen persons, nine to be elected by Ely Trinity, and six by Ely St. Mary's.
"3. That every member of the Local Board be possessed of real or personal property of not less than £1,000, or rated upon the annual value of £30.
"4. That none of the Drainage Act shall interfere with the operation of the Public Health Act.
"5. That the Public Health Act, shall not interfere with the Drainage Acts.

Isle of Ely Adjourned Sessions.
These sessions were held at the Guildhall, March, on Tuesday the 14th instant. Present – The Rev. H Fardell, chairman; the Revs. A Peyton, Jeremiah Jackson, Dr. Fardell, and W. G. Townley; Colonel Hardy; J. R. Fryer, and J Pope, Esqs.
Bills. The bills for the two divisions of the Isle, for the quarter ending 25th March, were audited and allowed.
Reports
The Chief Constable's Report shewed that although there had been a less amount of crime during the last quarter, there was an increase on the corresponding quarter of the two preceding years. The report alluded to the serious offences which had occurred in the Ely division, viz., four incendiary fires, two accidental fires, and a case of aggravated assault. In March division there had been cases of sheep stealing, but in Whittlesey division no offences had been committed. The police force was reported to be in an efficient state.
The Report of the visiting Justices at Ely recommended that the two turnkeys should be paid £7 10s each per year for imparting instruction to the prisoners. Allowed.
Gaoler's report. The average daily cost of maintenance during the quarter has been 3¼d. The return of acts of misconduct by the prisoners is rather larger than usual this quarter, and among them that of another attempt to escape by a juvenile prisoner of the name of James Pearson, under sentence of transportation, which was reported to the Visiting Justices, and the prisoner was punished. The number of prisoners of all classes received during the quarter has been 84, that of the corresponding quarter of the preceding year 92. The prison is in a state of repair. School instruction has been continued, and the rules and regulations for the management of the prison have been carefully carried out. The return of cost payable by Government for maintaining prisoners under sentence for felony, etc., for the half-year ending 31st March, amounting to £38 11s. 3¼d has been lodged with the clerk of the Peace. The Gaoler recommended the construction of an observation or watch house, for the use of the turnkey, to be so placed as to command a view of the tread-wheel in both yards, an estimate of which amounting to £12 was annexed to the report.
Surgeon's Report. The health of the prisoners during the quarter ending 25th March has been favourable, especially with those long resident in the house, although many slight disorders have been brought in by persons under summary conviction. Signed, R. Q. Wallace.
Visiting Justices' Report. "We, the undersigned, bearing in mind the suggestions first made by Mr. Hill, the Inspector, and since approved by the Justices who have had them under consideration, that all females charged with or convicted of offences within the isle of Ely be committed to the House of Correction at Wisbech, request the final judgement of the Court on the subject, merely observing that such committals will involve the necessity of the appointment of a female turnkey. We continue to be well satisfied with the management of the prison."
The Rev. J. Jackson, one of the Visiting Justices, said he had examined the house and found it even superior to what had been calculated: there were eight cells which could be used, and there was a certain windfall beyond all that. The cells provided for the reception of debtors from the County Court had not been used for some time, and as the law now stands all debtors are to be sent to

Cambridge; therefore they obtained six more cells, in that part appropriated for female prisoners: with a slight alteration an opening might be made so as to overlook the two female wards. The next matter would be to consider the appointment of a sub-matron. The rev. gentleman then alluded to the necessary qualifications and duties of the sub-matron.
Mr Fryer said the Inspector recommended all female prisoners to be sent to Wisbech. The Visiting Justices at Ely approved of – and the Visiting Justices at Wisbech were willing to adopt it. The motion was "that all female prisoners be sent to Wisbech, that a sub-matron be appointed, and that the office of matron at Ely be abolished."
Dr. Fardell made a few observations respecting the trouble and expense of sending all females from Ely to Wisbech, especially those on remand.
Mr. Fryer said the Court might decide whether all or only a certain class were sent.
Dr. Fardell said if a female was apprehended and sent to Wisbech, when they wanted to take the depositions, it would add to the expense in having to go to Wisbech to take them.
The Rev. J. J. Jackson said he agreed with Dr. Fardell there ought to be some provision made that prisoners might be received at the House of Correction at Ely, and if committed for trial then sent to Wisbech. It appeared to be very desirable that the female prisoners should be kept together. They might make the motion "that all females committed for trial, or convicted be sent to Wisbech:" Unless they did something of that kind they would avoid doing a great deal of good; leaving the question of matron to be afterwards disposed of.
Mr Fryer said his question was that all females should be sent to Wisbech, and it seemed to him that they must have a matron. He (Mr. Fryer), would move that in accordance with the recommendation of the Inspector of prisons "all females committed for trial or convicted of any offence punishable with imprisonment be sent to Wisbech.
The motion was then carried, and it was understood that female prisoners on remand be sent to Ely.
The Rev. A Peyton moved that the salary of Mrs. Leipscombe, the matron at Ely, be reduced to £25 a year, and that she act in the capacity of housekeeper. Agreed to.
The Rev. J. Jackson then moved "that a sub-matron be appointed at Wisbech, at a salary not exceeding £25 and that such appointment be left to the Visiting Justices." Agreed to.
The Court then broke up.

Fen Farming
The "Commissioners" of the Times have been down amongst the fens; and in that journal of Thursday last they give "a description of that immense district of fen country which extends from the estuary of the Wash in to the six counties of Cambridge, Lincoln, Huntingdon, Northampton, Suffolk, and Norfolk." After a short historical account of the drainage of the district, the writers proceed as follows:-

"With regard to the character of the soil thus redeemed for the use of man, it consists principally of an alluvial deposit, the chief feature of which is a blue calcareous clay. On this, as a substratum, there extends from Cambridge northwards to Lincoln an immense crust of peat land or turf, in length about 80 miles and varying considerably in breadth and thickness. At one point it is 24 miles broad, but the average may be stated at 10 miles. In some places it is several yards in thickness, in others only a few inches. This peat land or 'black fen' is formed of decayed vegetable substances, and has in its natural state all the absorbent qualities of a sponge; but when mixed with the clay beneath its defects are remedied and it becomes very productive. Nearer to the sea, and principally in Lincolnshire, the alluvial clays and sands as the fen district remain uncovered by any peat deposit, and bordering upon the ocean the soil is formed of loam and silt, which constitute the marsh district. These last mentioned descriptions of land extend from Lynn through Wisbeach, Holbeach, and Boston to Wainfleet, and for some distance along the sides of the rivers which discharge into the Wash. Mr Clarke estimates that they embrace upwards of 130,000 acres. The whole level of the fens may now be said to be almost freed from the dominion of the waters with which it once was flooded. Even Whittlesey-mere, if it is not already drained, is destined to be so shortly, and Ramsey-mere, 560 acres in extent, 'has now farm buildings on its bed, a good gravel road running through the middle of it, and produces fire crops of wheat and oats.' But the march of

improvement is never at an end, and accordingly we find in this great district, though much has been accomplished, much still remains to be done. Large portions of the lands till require under drainage – a progress which the frequent ditches by no means render unnecessary. There are still many districts the water-courses of which are so flooded as to render their proper cultivation impossible. It has been ascertained that where no natural outfall exists steam power is preferable to the windmill; it has, also been found that by proper arrangements a natural outfall may be secured where formerly it considered impossible. Attention is now beginning to be concentrated upon the Wash, which, with its shifting banks of mud and sand, has been perpetually closing up the mouths of the rivers that discharge into it, and driving back their waters to flood the land through which they flow. In process of time this evil will do doubt be overcome. Already, by an ingenious and simple process, the channel at the Wetland has been deepened and extended several miles into the sea, and it has been proposed by an eminent engineer to conduct all the rivers flowing into the Wash to one general outfall in the centre of the present estuary, banking out at the same time from the sea 150,000 acres of land. The Great Fen Level, has ceased to be what the name impasts. A long and arduous battle, lasting through many centuries, has given man the victory over the waves. The narrative of what well directed enterprise and capital have thus effected may not a present be uninstructive.

A very great outline of the farming practised in the Fens is all we can hope to give. The soil is of so peculiar a character and the mode of cultivation so exceptional, that we have not thought it necessary to examine the whole district with great minuteness. On the higher lying lands, that is, those portions called "Highlands", which before the drainage of the fens were islands - the land is principally in grass, and that of very rich quality. It is grazed with short-horn bullocks and Lincoln sheep. The bullocks are bought in lean at the autumn fairs, wintered in the straw yards with cake, and turned out to these rich grass lands in summer. The Lincoln sheep is a mixture of the Leicester breed with the old Lincoln, the produce being of larger size and with longer and somewhat coarser wool than the Leicester. They are fattened at about 20 months old, or perhaps kept a month or two more, when, after yielding a second fleece, they are sold fat, and have attained a great weight. The fen farmers buy their stock of sheep at the spring fairs, and are paying for hoggets in the wool at present 30s each – an unusually low price. These hoggets are but partly on the 'seeds', partly on the old pastures. In autumn they are folded on cole or rape, receiving also cake, and as soon as this is consumed, generally previous to Christmas, the sheep are sent fat to market. In the winter feeding of bullocks we found that some farmers were substituting cut straw, with meal and boiled linseed poured over it, for oil cake, and were assured that in one case, where £900 used to be expended on a large holding in the purchase of cake, a better effect was now produced by £600 expended on linseed and meal. At Thorney we saw an ingenious plan adopted for preventing yard-fed bullocks from annoying each other when feeding. The food is all placed for them in a long trough under the shed, and when each animal goes forward and puts his head into the trough between upright spars, the feeder pulls a string attached to a simple contrivance, by which the whole of them are confined to their places and released again when they have consumed their food. The fen land is of very various fertility, but it may be divided into that portion which is more inland, and consequently a fresh water deposit, and that which lies nearer the sea, and has in the course of ages been formed by the reflux of the tide. The first has usually a surface of black vegetable mould, varying from a few inches to a foot or more in thickness, lying on a bed of clay; the last is a strong silty loam, of more or less thickness, also incumbent on clay. The first, from its porous character, is not generally in need of surface drainage; the last cannot be profitably cultivated without it. The first produces every description of crop with the greatest luxuriance, being friable and easy to till and readily cleared of root weeds. The latter is generally too stiff for the profitable growth of green crops, is easily injured by the trampling of horses or the use of the plough in wet weather, is much more dependent on the seasons for the quality of its produce, and much more difficult to keep clean and free from root weeds. Oddly enough, with all these disadvantages, it seems to bear the higher rent of the two, so that it is not to be wondered that the farmers of the clay fens are not so prosperous as their more fortunate neighbours on the black land.

The principal thing to be attended to in the management of a fen farm on the black land is to keep the outfalls and ditches throughout the farm open. Some think that all the water should be drained off from the ditches; some think that in dry weather in summer the crops are much benefited by the cool stratum which is maintained beneath the working soil by the presence of water. Practically the water is water kept in the ditches at about two feet from the surface, thus serving as a fence betwixt the fields and affording water to the stock. The land is so very level, that by arranging the sluices at the main outlets of the farm, each man may keep such a depth of water as suits his fancy. The next process in fen farming is to give solidity to the black vegetable mould, and that is done by digging trenches at certain distances into the clay and throwing it over the surface. A trench two feet deep and two feet wide is made along the field, and the clay which is taken out of is laid four yards over the surface on either side of the trench. The same process is repeated throughout the field, a new trench being opened eight yards apart from the last. The cost of this operation is about 35s an acre, and is a permanent improvement, not requiring to be repeated during a lease. It is usually done in the division to be fallowed, as the clay has then time to work down among the soil before a crop is sown on it. The course of husbandry pursued in not very definite, most farmers being permitted to farm as they think best, or at all events according to the custom of the country, and as that custom is by no means certain the farmers have sufficient latitude. The following is the system we found pursued on a well-managed farm on the Duke of Bedford's estate at Thorney, in Cambridgeshire. The farm consists of 600 acres, 200 of which are 'highlands' in permanent pasture. The rest is cultivated as follows:-

Fallow, with root crops. (2) Oats, (3) Wheat, (4) Seeds, (5) Wheat, (6) Beans, (7) Wheat.

The fallow is well wrought, pulverised, and cleaned. It is then dunged with eight or ten loads an acre, and a portion planted with potatoes, carrots, mangolds, and swedes. The larger portion is reserved for coleseed, which, after the dung has been applied and ploughed into the land, is drilled with sixteen bushels of bones mixed with ashes to the acre. This is usually sown in June, and is ready for the sheep in autumn, one acre affording keep for eight or ten sheep twelve weeks. The other root crops having been taken up when ready, the land is ploughed and sown early in spring with oats, as it is then in so rich a state that a wheat crop would run to straw and be spoiled. The oats yield from 80 to 100 bushels an acre, and as much as 120 have been got of a black coarse variety. After the oats the ground is ploughed and sown with wheat, which is drilled and carefully hoed in spring wherever weeds make their appearance. Clover seeds are sown among the wheat, in equal quantities of red, white, and trefoil, for sheep pasture, and of red alone where it is to be cut for hay. Next year the seeds are pastured with hoggets, of which the carry from seven to eight an acre, and a few beasts on the field besides. They are ploughed up in October, and the land is again sown with wheat. After the wheat is removed a light dressing of dung is ploughed in, and the following spring the land is drilled with beans. The beans are kept as clean as possible by horse and hand hoeing, but being a dirty crop it is necessary to plough twice and work the land well after them in preparation for the last crop of the course – wheat. There is not much difference in the yield of the wheat in the various places it takes in rotation, 44 bushels an acre being reckoned a good crop. The grass land, as already mentioned, is old pasture land of rich fattening quality, 30s an acre for land under tillage is expended in labour. The farm is tithe-free, rent 30s an acre, and poor rate 2s 6d in the pound.

Labourer's wages here are 9s to 10s a week, and their cottage rents £3 to £4 a year. The picturesque village of Thorney, standing in the centre of the Duke of Bedford's estate in this quarter, 18,000 acres in extent of rich and valuable land, is ornamented by a new street of labourer's' cottages, recently completed by the Duke. They are very handsome, with many conveniences, the apartments being complained of, however, as too small. With good gardens attached to each, they are let at very moderate rents. Very few of his Grace's tenants hold on lease, though many of them have been on their farms for generations; but the most perfect confidence is felt by them in the high character of the family with which they have to deal. They live at rents which previous to the present great depression of prices might be reckoned very moderate.

The ‘Commissioners’ then proceed to a short account of the farming in the neighbourhood of Boston, and say in conclusion:-

The crop of wheat last year on this description of land yielded very badly. Unlike the dry, light lands of the Eastern Counties, which produced more than an average crop, these heavy soils fell short of their usual growth nearly eight bushels an acre. The low price tells, therefore, very strongly here, and many of the farmers are permitting necessary operations – such as the cleaning out of the main drains – to remain unperformed from inability to pay. No reduction of rent of any importance has yet taken place, and in one instance where a representation by a body of tenants was made to their landlord on this subject, the only reply they received was a notice to quit sent by the man whose named stood first on the list. Much of the land in the Fens is held by small proprietors, many of whom are understood to be heavily mortgaged.
May 25 1850

Marriage at Lady Huntingdon’s Chapel, Ely
On May 22nd the marriage took place of Mr Horace Pigg, commercial traveller, to Mary daughter of Mr. George Hardy, fellmonger, Ely, also, at the same time and place the Rev. C. Keen, Baptist minister Cambridge, to Harriet another daughter of Mr. George Hardy.

Death – May 18 at Ely, Sarah, daughter of the late Mr. Jesse Claxton, conveyancer.
Country Markets
Ely, Thursday, May 23
Sellers unwilling to submit to lower prices, and merchants not eager to buy; a small amount of business transacted.

	Quantity		Average		
	Q	B	£	S	D
Wheat	994	5	1	18	10
Barley	0	0	0	0	0
Oats	511	4	0	13	7
Beans	50	4	1	4	4
Peas	13	0	1	6	6

Ely - Wesleyanism
On Monday last the Wesleyan Methodist Connexion had a numerous meeting in the Corn Exchange, when 280 friends sat down to tea, after which they attended at the chapel, when the Rev. President Jackson delivered a powerful sermon, and a collection was afterwards made towards liquidating the debt on the chapel: the sum of £13 odd was subscribed. On Thursday evening, a large meeting was holden in the Corn exchange, to hear the statements of the Rev. T. Everett, and other preachers of the Wesleyan connexion, on the subject of the expulsion of certain ministers, which has created so great a noise recently. There was a little interruption at first, but many interesting speeches were subsequently listened to quietly. A correspondent says the assemblage was of a mixed character, and “many were present who never knew so much of Wesleyan Methodism as they do now.” Our correspondent further observes that “Mr. Everett, in a very animated and strong language, condemned the members of conference for expelling preachers without evidence, as being opposed to all scriptural and moral law, inquisitorial, etc. Mr. Gunton, of Soham, supported the conference, and observed that when charged, the expelled minister ought to have said yes or no relative to the fly leaves publication. The question is – are persons charged with any offence to criminate themselves, without evidence or proof. The proceedings of conference appear altogether to have interfered very much with the usefulness and respectability of the Methodists. Great confusion and noise followed, and the meeting closed at the late hour of 11 o’clock.

Whitsun Meeting of the Bedford Level Corporation

The Whitsun meeting of the Bedford Level Corporation was holden at the Guildhall, Ely, on Wednesday last. We never were present at a meeting of the Corporation so thinly attended, or so soon over. The members of the board present were the Earl of Hardwicke, (Chairman); the Hon. E. T. Yorke, M.P.; R. G. Townley, Esq., M. P.; H. S. Waddington, Esq., M.P.; F. C. H. Russell, Esq.; M. P. Messrs. E. Foster, W. Layton, J. Vipan, T. Vipan, B. S. Bradfield, C. Culledge, E. Ball, W. Nix, T. Saberton, J. Seaber, D Martin, E. Johnson, H. Lawrence and F. Edwards.

Before the election of the Board was proceeded with, Mr. T Nix inquired if the Board had taken into consideration the subject of the reduction of salaries, introduced at the last meeting of the Corporation?

Mr. Bradfield said a committee of the Board had had the subject under review, and had made a report upon it.

The Chairman said all that the Board had had time to do was to appoint a committee for the purpose of investigating the state of the salaries: that committee had reported, but the board had not had an opportunity of taking any steps based upon the report. Of course, if the Corporation desired to see the report, the Board would not withhold it. But the question was, would the Corporation wish to see a report made to the Board, before the Board had had time to consider it.
The subject here dropped.
Mr. T. Nix then asked if the subject of the encroachments below Welney was settled?
The Chairman replied that it was under the consideration of a committee.
The election of the Board was then proceeded with, and all the members thereof were re-elected, with the exception of Mr. George Hall, deceased. In his place, Mr. Joseph Little was proposed by Mr. Layton, as a man of integrity and knowledge of fen matters, and seconded by Mr. E. Foster. He was elected without opposition.

Upon Mr. Hugh Jackson being proposed for re-election as a Conservator, Mr W. Nix said that Mr. Jackson refused to give up possession of a piece of land belonging to the Corporation; and in all probability the Corporation would be obliged to put the matter into Chancery. Under such circumstances he thought Mr. Jackson should have resigned his seat, during the time of the inquiry in Chancery. He should oppose his re-election. He would not, however, propose any one in opposition to him, because he did not wish to deprive him of his seat at the Board, only to put it in abeyance pending the question between himself and the Corporation.

It was decided by the Chairman that a poll could not be taken unless some one were proposed in opposition to Mr. Jackson; whereupon Mr. Nix withdrew his opposition, and Mr. Jackson was re-elected.

This concluded the proper business of the meeting; but Mr. Culledge remarked, with reference to the subject of salaries, that it had been partly before the Board, and a plan was in contemplation, by which the expenses would be reduced. Last year the expenses of the Board were only £155, instead of £300, as they used to be; and he had no doubt that next year they would be still less.

Mr. Golding wished to impress upon the Board the necessity of strict economy, and was about to refer to the subject of advertisements, when the Chairman decided that he was not in order, and dissolved the meeting.

Isle of Ely
Eau Brink Drainage
Adjourned Meeting of Commissioners
An adjourned general meeting of Commissioners was holden at The Lamb Inn, Ely, on Thursday last, in order to consider the propriety of sale of "such part of the Sands and Channel of the Old River Ouse as is situate between the Upper Dam, near the upper end of the Eau Brink Cut and the

last Cross Embankment, at or near Parson's Pool, containing altogether about five hundred and twenty eight acres; also so much as is situate between the Upper Dam and the road called the Pullover road, which contains about two hundred and forty two acres, and the remainder of the five hundred and twenty-eight acres, comprising so much as is situate to the northward of the Pullover road, and between the same and the Cross Embankment, near Parson's Pool."
The Rev. Algernon Peyton was voted to the chair, and there were about thirty-five Commissioners present in addition, including Messrs. J. Vipan, Bradfield, E. Foster, Layton, Moseley, Eagle, Lawrence, Culledge, Golding, C. Wooll, W., T., and J. Nix, Ward, Downham, Fairlie, Dodson, T. Granger, Legge, Martin, J. Cropley, Read, and Wright. The minutes of the meeting of the Committee appointed to consider of the subject referred to above were read by the Clerk, and from them it appeared that the Committee had come to the decision that it would be advisable to dispose of the whole of the five hundred and twenty-eight acres. The Committee recommended that they be divided into certain convenient lots, and also that all necessary provisions be made for roads, etc. The Committee also stated that they had viewed the Eau brink bridge, which was in such a state of dilapidation that the Turnpike Trust had threatened to indict it; and they recommended that it be substantially repaired according to some plans prepared by Mr. Harding, and which lay upon the table. The committee announced also, that the lands in the Old Channel, which had been put up for auction and withdrawn, because the biddings did not reach the reserve of the Commissioners, had been again offered, and were all let. There were 13 lots, and they produced £795. The Clerk had received a notice from the Norfolk Estuary Company, (which had been laid before the Committee), that is was the intention of the Estuary Company to move the Court of chancery on the 22nd of May for an injunction, against Messrs. Thomas and Goodwyn Archer as clerks to the Commissioners, to restrain the said Commissioners from selling all or any part of the sands above the lower dam, until the debt due by the said Eau Brink Commissioners was paid off, and from applying any money received on account of the sands until the Norfolk Estuary Bill of 1849 was first satisfied. Mr. R. Palmer, Mr. Rolfe, and Mr. Eagle had been retained for the Commissioners, the Committee being resolved to oppose the granting the said injunction.
Mr. Goodwyn Archer (Clerk to the Commissioners) said that he was in attendance in the Court of Chancery the day before (Wednesday) and when the motion was called on an arrangement was made between the leading counsel on either side, and it was agreed that the motion should be postponed until Thursday, the 6th of June, the Commissioners undertaking not to sell the sands for six weeks, in order to afford the court time to come to a decision on the point; that six weeks would just carry the time over to within a fortnight of the general meeting at Chatteris.
Mr. Eagle thought it very extraordinary that the serving the notice of injunction should have been delayed so long, and that the injunction should only have been applied for the day before the meeting of the Commissioners, more particularly as the course intended to be pursued by the Commissioners had been known by the Norfolk Estuary Company six months. He thought that all the appearance of expedition assumed by the Estuary Company was intended rather to have its effect on the shareholders and the public, than with a view to the *bona fide* carrying forward the undertaking. Mr. Eagle next pointed out that under the 39th sec. Of the Norfolk Estuary Act of 1846, the Company would be obliged to submit the plans and dimensions of the proposed cut to three engineers to be appointed by the Bedford Level Corporation, the Corporation of Lynn, and the Company respectively: these engineers had never been summoned, and to him it looked exceedingly like a delusion for the Company to give out that they were prepared to go on before the dimensions of the cut had been agreed to. It was of the utmost importance that the Company be not allowed to commence the cut until the interests of drainage and navigation had been first secured, or these would be completely at their mercy.
Mr. W. Nix said that Mr. Gordon had been appointed on the part of the Bedford Level Corporation. He should move
"That the proceedings at the last general meeting and at the meeting held by the Committee for the sale of the sands and old channel, held on the 28th of February last, the 22nd of April last, and the 20th of May instant, and at the meeting of the Committee of Management, held on the 23rd of February last, and the orders and resolutions of the respective Committees be approved, and continue, subject to the orders and resolutions of this meeting."
Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion.

Carried unanimously.
Mr. Eagle then proposed the following resolution, which was also seconded by Mr. Lawrence:-
"That the powers of the Committee for the sale of the lands and channel be continued, and that such Committee be directed to take any further steps they may deem expedient for the defending the suit instituted against the Clerks by the Norfolk Estuary Company, and for resisting the motion for an injunction now pending thereon; and that such Committee be empowered to institute any suit or proceedings they may consider advisable for supporting the rights and interests of the Commissioners in relation to the intended Estuary Cut, and for compelling the appointment of engineers under the 39th section of the Norfolk Estuary Act, 1846, previously to the works being contracted for; and that the consideration of the question relative to the sale of the sands be proposed to the next general meeting in July, in order to afford time for the decision of the Court of Chancery on the proceedings now pending."
Mr. Layton, amid some applause, supported the resolution. He said it was well known that he was at first one of those who were antagonistic to the sale of the sands, but when he found that the country were in favour of the sale of the sands, he had no hesitation in yielding to the expressed wish of a majority of those interested, and more especially as the state of things was materially altered now. He would merely beg to impress on the committee who were entrusted with the interest of the Commissioners, that they should observe all consistent economy in the proceedings, which probably be of a protracted character. He threw out this hint because a previous committee had, unavoidably he would allow, entailed an expense of £2000 on the Commissioners in a very short space of time.
Mr. T. Nix asked the names of the Committee, and the Clerk read them as follows:- Messrs. Bradfield, J. Vipan, T. Granger, Culledge, C. Wooll, S. Mason, W. Nix, Saberton, and Ward.
Mr. T. Nix proposed Mr. Layton, as a member of the Committee, paying that gentleman a high compliment for his general attention to public business, and regretting that when the Committee had first been constituted he had in a moment of irritation refused to serve.
Mr. Ward seconded the motion.
Mr. Layton said that he then refused because he thought that the best course he could pursue for the service of the country. If, however, he was now wished to serve, he should be happy to do so; he should endeavour to do his duty, and to render all the servise, however inefficient it might be, in his power.
Mr. W. Nix proposed and Mr. Read, seconded Mr. John Seaber as a member of the Committee, and both gentlemen were elected *nem. con.*
The Eau Brink Bridge.
Mr. W. Nix next introduced this subject, saying that they had received notice that they would be indicted if it were not repaired. The question for consideration was whether the bridge should be temporarily repaired, at a small expense, or whether it should be substantially done according to the plans on the table, drawn by and with the advice of Mr. Harding.
Mr. Layton suggested the postponement of the question for a time, in order to afford the Commissioners time to consider whether the substitution of a suspension bridge for the present structure would not in the end prove economical. The piles of the existing bridge had been in their present state for years, and would last for years longer if the bridge had some trifling repairs; at any rate long enough to afford the Commissioners time to consider the matter. He thought if the materials of the old bridge were sold a small addition only would be required to build a suspension bridge. At any rate the land eyes of the present bridge were quite useless, and ought to be filled up.
Mr. C. Wooll, advised immediate procedure with substantial repairs.
Mr. Harding produced his plans and an estimate for the work of £750, the repairs to consist of new piles driven intermediately with the present ones, and to a depth of 14 feet: these being between the old ones, would form no additional obstruction to the waterway. He would stake his reputation on the bridge then lasting 20 years.
Mr. Culledge, as recommendatory of Mr. Harding's advice, cited the opinion of Mr. Little, given in 1848, that within the next three years the bridge would require £2,000 laying out upon it. If all their taxes were paid up, they would at that moment be able to discharge all their liabilities. The last instalment due to the Exchequer Loan Commissioners, had been paid without their being reduced to the necessity of borrowing, as had always been the case before.

Mr. W. Nix proposed, and Mr. C. Wooll seconded, the adoption of the plan proposed by Mr. Harding, and the work was ordered to be commenced immediately, an order being made for a temporary loan of £500, to carry it on. The navigation will be stopped for about six weeks in consequence.

Arrears of Taxes

The next notice on the paper was of a motion proposing the institution of proceedings for the recovery of the present arrears of taxes.

Mr. Eagle said he looked upon these arrears as an awful sign of the times. He should like to know what class they were due from. He strongly suspected they were due from the small landowners; and if so, it was an awful state of things, and he did not know what would be the result if Government did not soon interfere. (Cry of "Government don't care"). Very well; if the Government would not protect them, they must protect themselves. The present state of things was one calculated to create great alarm; and though it was their duty to collect the taxes, still he hoped the heavy penalties enjoined under the Act would be in some degree mitigated.

Mr. Seaber said the Government would soon find it out, if they were to refuse to pay the Government taxes, and he should like to see that course adopted.

Some further discussion ensued on this point: there appeared every disposition on the part of the Commissioners to show all lenity to the defaulters, consistent with their duty to the other proprietors who had paid up. It was finally arranged that a month's grace should be allowed; and that all defaulters after the expiration of that period should be sued for the penalties.

Expenses of Committees

The Chairman, after some humorous introductory observations, introduced a bill for £51. 16s. 8d., being the balance due on the expenses of the Committee first appointed to support the Estuary scheme, and which in July, 1848, was superseded by the present one for the purpose of opposing the bill. At the meeting in July, £300 was voted towards the payment of the expenses of the first committee, counsel's fees, etc., and that sum being insufficient, the balance was now applied for. It was ordered to be paid.

The Chairman then produced a second bill from Messrs. Walker and Burges, for £67, for four days attendance in the House of Commons, consultations, clerks' time, and expenses, etc., in connection with the opposition instituted by the Commissioners in 1846-7 to the proposed loop-line of the Great Northern Railway, to construct which it would have been necessary to make a bridge over the Eau Brink Cut. Messrs. Walker and Burges were employed by the committee appointed to watch the progress through Parliament of railway schemes affecting the interests of the commissioners; and although there appeared to be a very general opinion that the charges were excessive, the bill was ordered to be paid. A conversation ensued upon the charges of Civil Engineers in general, and it was resolved that in case of the services of any gentlemen of that profession being required for the future, an "understanding" should first be come to.

Evidence of the Estuary Scheme

Mr. W. Nix said that he thought it expedient, in connection with the Estuary scheme, that the country should know how matters had been managed in the House of Lords: the evidence taken there would be very startling, and it was essential that every fenman should be in possession of it. He should propose that the committee appointed to oppose the Estuary Scheme be empowered to get the evidence printed and distributed trough the country. He did not expect that they would be much gratified by the perusal; still he thought it would be a warning to parties that when they went before the House of Lords they should depose to nothing but facts. It would be for the proprietors to judge whether they had done so, and he would not add a word on that point. At the suggestion of Mr. Archer, Mr. Nix altered the terms of his motion to "parole evidence", to avoid the printing of useless documents.

Mr. C. Wooll seconded the motion. One party, whose name he would not mention, was asked if the Estuary was carried out how much the water would be lowered at Denver Sluice, and he replied from 3 to 5 feet, but certainly 3 feet, and he was decidedly of opinion that that would give a natural drainage to the whole of the South Level. How (said Mr. W.) could that be the case, when the party knew that there were mills up the stream, with wheels from 22 to 40 feet in diameter? If he (Mr. W.) had been in the position of the Chairman, Lord Monteagle, he would have sent the party back,

eminent engineer as he was, and told him to come up again in half an hour, and answer the question when he had maturely reflected on it. He had twenty other reasons for seconding the motion.

Defective Bridge

Mr. C. Wooll asked whether it was the intention of the Committee of management to allow the Lynn and Wisbech Railway Company to leave the unfinished bridge between Lynn and Wisbech any longer in its present state, it being a stoppage to navigation, and a disgrace to the works. It was replied that the Bedford Level Corporation had interfered in the matter, and that the Railway Company had promised either to complete or remove the bridge by October, 1851, and to remove all accumulations in the bed of the river it might create. Mr. Wooll was not satisfied with this, and was for immediate procedure at law; but on being told by the Clerk that an indictment or mandamus could not compel a remedy before the period at which the Company had offered to provide one, he allowed the matter to drop.

A vote of thanks having been passed by acclamation to the Chairman, the Rev. gentleman in acknowledging the same congratulated the meeting on the unanimity that had prevailed.

Advertisments

Mr. Golding said that he hoped they should see no more of the Commissioner's advertisements in the free trade *Independent Press*, and was about to make a motion for their withdrawal from that journal, when he was informed he was out of order, as the proceedings were closed. The Chairman expressed himself willing to open the proceedings again, provided that the meeting were unanimous in favour thereof; but one or two Commissioners deprecating any departure from the set rules, Mr. Golding gave notice that he should introduce the subject at the July meeting, and the Commissioners dispersed.

Brother Farmers of The Isle of Ely And All Whom It May Concern

I, with many others, was engaged in London during the past week, advocating and supporting the cause of just protection to England's interests. Although our claims were based on truth and justice, I am sorry to say we met but little encouragement from the executive government. One would suppose from the cold indifference manifested towards those important interests by the Prime Minister of England, they are composed of classes unworthy of consideration, and for whose sufferings no sympathy is due. I should have expected that the expressions which would have dropped from the responsible adviser of the Crown would have been of this character – "are you not British subjects? And if so, you are entitled to our best attention." To our sore disappointment we experienced a far different reception, one apparently of stern indifference to our complaints, although placed before him in terms most respectful, but in language that could not be misunderstood.

It is consoling, however, to state that the deputation met with a widely different reception from Lord Stanley: in him we have a nobleman not only able but willing to exert the best energies of his comprehensive mind for the welfare and prosperity of all classes. In proof of which, I need only refer you to the address his Lordship delivered to the delegates, who, you will bear in mind, were assembled from all parts of England and Scotland, and from which you will perceive that you have the means of redress in your own hands: and I trust, for the sake of an injured class and one of undoubted importance, that no pains, no exertion, no sacrifice, will be thought too much in giving full effect to his Lordship's suggestions. He says to you – "do not tire, do not hesitate, do not falter in your course; but with a spirit of unbroken loyalty to the Crown with a spirit of unswerving obedience to the laws, combine in a determined resolution to obtain your rights, and to enforce upon those who now misrepresent you the duty of really representing your sentiments, and supporting you in Parliament. You may point out to them the necessary, the lamentable consequence to themselves of persisting in their present course, and when the time comes, you will have it in your power to return men who really represent your sentiments, to exercise your constitutional influence over the legislature of the country, and to enforce your just demands in another parliament.

To these sentiments, knowing their great importance, and feeling you owe it to yourselves, to your country and to posterity, will most of you subscribe. Pray, do not lose the opportunity of profiting

by the advice given you. It is needless for me to say it is through the Registration Court that this is to be accomplished; the day is fast approaching when this constitutional part of your duty may be performed; therefore take care that every one favourable to the protection of British interests, in every place however obscure, has his name added to the list of voters. It is in the country at large, in the Registration Courts, and upon the hustings the battle is to be fought: you have, if you will exert yourselves, the game in your own hands; call upon those who are hesitating or wavering, those residing in towns as well as in the country, to aid your cause: it will require but little to explain the justice of it. There are many good men hitherto attached to the principles of free-trade, who feel that this baneful experiment has been tried long enough, and that if allowed to continue it will plunge themselves and the whole of the agricultural and trading classes into irretrievable difficulties. Such parties, be it observed, are worthy of every respect and consideration; and rest assured, conduct so meritorious will be sure to meet with its reward.

But there may be found unworthy exceptions, (happily they are but few), who, to gratify a selfish, obstinate and revengeful feeling, may for a season withhold their assistance; but the time will come, and probably when too late, when conscience, that unerring monitor within, and duty, that of self-preservation, without, will dictate to them that the course they are pursuing, instead of being that of justice, humanity and discretion, will lead to results most deplorable, and end in those bitter but inevitable concomitants, remorse, regret, and disappointment.

In conclusion, it is satisfactory to find, during this unfortunate conflict, there are those possessing not only the ability, but the inclination to aid an honest and just cause. I say, then, with all respect to the "Ely Protectionist" in the Chronicle, continue those efforts you have so honestly and opportunely begun, and do not relax until you have put to silence such vain and empty sounds, alike vindictive as they are fallacious, as those put forth by the "Ely Farmer" in the Independent. You will, be assured, have the consolation and satisfaction of enjoying the confidence and esteem of a grateful community; while the "Ely Farmer" for his pains will have the mortification of finding himself avoided, forsaken and condemned by a suffering as well as an injured class, to which it appears (but it may be doubtful) he belongs. I am, yours, etc., etc.,
A Delegate From the Isle of Ely
May 18 1850

Bell Commercial Hotel
High Street, Ely
Caroline Walker
Respectfully acknowledges the kind patronage of the Nobility, Clergy, Gentry, and Commercial Gentlemen, and desires to offer to them her grateful thanks; assuring them that she will spare no exertions to render her House at all times worthy of that distinction with which it has been hitherto continuously favoured.
Post Horses, Flys, Gigs, etc., upon the shortest notice.
An Omnibus meets every Train at the railway Station.

Ely Division Petty Sessions
(before Revs. Dr. Fardell and Sparke)

Francis Whiting, Sutton, labourer, cruelly ill-treating a donkey, the property of John Gotobed. Fined 1s and costs; in default committed for six weeks.

Wm. Tingay and Jos. Tingay, Ely, labourers, wilfully trespassing on land in the parish of Ely Trinity. On summons: did not appear: damage 6d, penalty 6d, each and costs; in default committed for one month.

Michael Dean and Wm. Hurst, tramps, charged with begging at Oxlode. Apprehended by p.c. Lodd. Committed for 14 days.

George Blinkhorn, Sutton, labourer, drunk and disorderly at Sutton. Fined 5s.

June 1 1850
Country Markets
Ely, Thursday, May 30

The supply of wheat was somewhat small and fully maintained last week's price: beans were plentiful and realised a little better price.

	Quantity		Average		
	Q	B	£	S	D
Wheat	1177	1	1	18	10
Barley	6	0	1	5	0
Oats	278	4	0	13	11
Beans	250	4	1	5	6
Peas	0	0	0	0	0

Ely Union Contracts
The Board of Guardians of the above Union give notice, that they will, at their Weekly Meeting at the Union Workhouse in Ely, on Thursday the 13th June next, receive Tenders for supplying the said Workhouse and the Outdoor Paupers of the Ely and Haddenham Relief Districts, with the following Articles, from the 27th June next inclusive, for thirteen weeks, viz.,
Good Thirds Flour, at per stone.
Good Bread, made of the same quality of flour (24 hours old) at per 4lb loaf.)
Good Beef, (clods, stickings, or briskets, without bone);
Fore Quarters of Mutton, (not weighing less than 20 lbs per quarter), and Suet, at per stone.

To be delivered at the said Workhouse at such times, in such quantities, as the Board of Guardians shall order, and to be supplied to the Paupers in every Parish, in such quantities as shall be expressed in tickets issued by the Relieving Officer.

N.B. Each Tender must be for supplying one Relief District at least.

Sealed tenders indorsed "Tender for Bread and Flour," or as the case may be, to be sent to me (free of expense) and samples must be produced at the Meeting.

N. B. The Tenders for Bread and Flour must be delivered at my Office the night previous to the Meeting, otherwise they will not be received; other Tenders may be delivered on or before Nine a.m. of the 13th June next.

Contractors to give such security for the performance of their contract as the Board may require; but the Guardians do not pledge themselves to accept the lowest or any of the Tenders, and Contractors are particularly required to take notice that the Relieving Officers' duty is to settle with them every week, for all Goods ordered by them.

N. B. All Persons having any demands upon the above Union, are requested to send in their Bills to me on or before the 3rd day of July next, containing full particulars of the articles furnished, or work done under the orders of the Board, up to and including the 26th June next, accompanied with the orders themselves.
By Order of the Board
William Marshall, Clerk
Ely, May 30 1850

"An Ely Farmer"
Sir
The above-named interested partisan of the Independent Press would show high qualities indeed as a tactician, if, while the Editor of that Free-Trade paper has the patronage of the disciples of the Manchester League to a man, in town and county, and is weekly producing arguments in support of a tottering ministry under the guidance of the scape-goat of the "appropriate clause," the present

Premier – the proposer of an increased income-tax, the immediate inglorious retreater, the shuffle of duties, the destructive Free-trade leader; if, while the Independent Press lauds men and measures of this kind, in every conceivable way, and exults in the pleasing (to him) recollections of the services rendered to the cause of his present Members for the Borough of Cambridge – I say, Mr Editor, with the facts just mentioned before us, the interested partisan of the independent Press would have much cause to congratulate himself and his coadjutor, the big-loafed gentleman of Ely, upon their success, if the species of double-dealing – this trick – had in any way succeeded. But is it not so. The meshes of the net have been spread with much care, but it was overdone: the snare slipped, and the poacher is detected. We say in this case "save us from our friends". The wolf's claw is seen under the lamb's skin. These ingredients of "cornbusties" having been unskilfully and dishonestly compounded, have exploded at last.

The honor of replying to the letter referred to must be divided between myself and the "Tenant Farmer", and there being so little for me to answer, I will endeavour to be as brief as possible, and regret trespassing upon the time of the public (and your valuable columns, Mr. Editor), believing most of them will say – enough of this matter already.

"An Ely farmer," alias - -, says, "There is no occasion for me to advert to those portions of the letter of Ely Protectionist" with which I do agree. I trust with him that the impolicy and unfairness of the present system of Free-trade, it being so very partial, will be remedied." As far as it goes, this would leave but little to answer, if it were honest. Hypocrisy, indeed; surely thou are cradled here. Strange and paradoxical as it may appear, sometimes enemies shake hands: but the arm-in-arm congratulations of yourself, Mr Partisan of the Independent Press and the large loaf gentleman of Ely, when you do meet, are too significant, emblematical, allusive, and plain to be mistaken by any one, even by the farmers of the county of Cambridge and isle of Ely.

You say "the Independent Press is far superior to its contemporary." Not a very modest expression: self-praise is no just recommendation, and on the present occasion this savours more of a bad cause, weakness, and despondency than any thing else. The people of Cambridgeshire have the privilege (and it will be used practically) of exercising their unbiased judgements upon this part of the question their unbiased judgements upon this part of the question they will, I assure you, read for themselves, and every week, every quarter, every year, will proclaim to the world the answer: and too plain and truthful will that answer be, and the result too certain to be doubted or gainsayed. This personal ridicule (to which an "Ely Farmer", alias, etcs pleads guilty, and even boasts of,) serves no good cause, advocates no righteous principle, produces no sound argument, adds not the least imaginable weight in the scale of immutable justice to any subject-matter whatever, all well regulated minds will at once admit: but it may wound the feelings of kind-hearted and upright men, shake the dearest, friendships of life, canker man's best nature and in the end recoil and show its destroying power even in the very breast which nurtured and gave it birth. So it will be found. Now for a fresh theme of contention. Men of Cambridge Protectionists to you I speak – what do you mean to do at the borough? This is the point of attack: your cause and mine is the cause of all.

Here is Independent Press and its interested partisan will show themselves in their true colours. How have Campbell and Adair voted on every occasion? Against the views and interests of the agriculturists – with the Free-Traders on all occasions. Will the Independent Press support two candidates opposed to them? No. Then, in the name of justice, why should farmers, Protectionists of all classes, support the Free-trade Independent Press, and neglect the chronicle, the unflinching advocate of Protection to Native Industry in every shape?

If the electors of Cambridge, upon a candid and searching examination of their affairs, now and in the days of Protection comparatively, taking into consideration every item for and against – rent, expenses of establishment, rates, taxes, and all out goings whatsoever – if, with their seriously diminished returns and profits, they find the mere average saving is 2s per week upon their consumption of flour is all they have in the place of a rolling business, large returns, and remunerating sales and prices, without forcing an argument, since these facts will ring them to

admit that, however pleasing in theory Free-Trade may have been, it has most signally failed in practice, in producing the good that was promised, and by some expected. It has failed – dreadfully failed.

"Men of business! Count your till daily; notice your account book weekly; examine your bills monthly; and then take any corresponding time of average returns, in the days of agricultural prosperity and protection, and I have no fear as to your opinions and convictions. Then rally banner of just and fair Protection: forthwith for your associations, as we have done at Ely: oust Campbell and Adair, the supporters with the Independent Press of the Russell cabinet.

How stands the Free-trade Government of England, in the eyes not only of the agricultural and trade community at home, but abroad? The London Press, even their supporters on most questions last week said –"the truth is, that we are at variance with Europe:" "We are without an ally Europe;" "The leading stages of the Continent attempt in concert, and prepared, if they can obtain no concession to their sense of justice and to the usages to react such means as they can device to testify their hostility to the present Ministers of the Crown, without respect to the Queen, and without injury or insult to the nation.

Let thanks be sentiment echoed and re-echoed by us, and we have no confidence in this Ministry, and less in the Independent Press, including an "Ely Farmer," the pretended and deceptive opponent of Free-trade. We repudiate that assistance and will not have them.

I am, Mr. Editor, yours, Etc.,
An Ely Protectionist
May 30th, 1850

Isle of Ely
Ely - *Protection to Native Industry*
The tradesmen and farmers of Ely and neighbourhood intend holding a meeting at the White Hart Inn, Ely, on Tuesday evening next, for the purpose of forming an Association for the above object. A numerous meeting is anticipated. The speakers will undoubtedly endeavour to infuse into their addresses the loyalty of a Richmond, and the spirit of a Stanley, whose eloquence has given fresh courage, and whose wisdom has pointed out the true and constitutional course to be pursued. We rejoice to make the announcement of this meeting. Our Ely friends are acting like men in earnest; and if a spirit similar to theirs prevailed in other parts of the country, this miserable incubus of free-trade would soon be destroyed. Let them direct their efforts to the registration of Protectionist electors, and aim to convince by the truth and justice of their cause the undecided, and to bring from the ranks of their opponents honest but mistaken men.
Wesleyanism at Ely - A correspondent sends us the following account of the Wesleyan meeting last week:-
"On Thursday, the 23rd ult., Mr. Everett, one of the rejected Wesleyan ministers, of Fly-sheet notoriety, endeavoured to excite the sympathy, and of course to obtain a little of the money, of the Wesleyans in this neighbourhood. At the commencement of the meeting, a spirit adverse to the precepts of Holy Writ strongly manifested itself, and personal attack and recrimination were freely indulged in. The old Wesleyan party, Mr. Colman and Mr. Keed (two of the dismissed), told their tales, and were succeeded, amid much confusion, by Mr. Everett. Many of the audience felt but little inclined to give fair play, but which was in some measure secured by the interference of Messrs. Scott and King. After this trio had had their say, Mr. Gunton, of Soham, administered to the rebellious Wesleyans a very severe rebuke and chastisement; but the audience got tired, and he retired. No more could be heard: the speakers clenched and shook their fists, and the common-sense people expressed their disgust by hissing, hallooing, and shouting. Mr Everett took up his coat and walked: the Chairman would have said something, but up walked Mr. ???? Clerk of the Market, and taking the lamp from the table, said, 'I believe I have authority here, if no one else has, Mr. Chairman: I'll have no more of it.' Thus ended the farce.

To the Agricultural Mechanics and Labourers of the Isle of Ely
My Countrymen
I last week took the opportunity of addressing the farmers of the Isle: I now am induced (feeling you are equally interested in the question) to put forward some practical remarks, bearing upon a subject which at the present time is exciting a strong feeling in the public mind, I mean that system mis-called "free trade". Large and influential meetings have been held in various parts of the country to take the subject into consideration: such has been the excitement and alarm produced by the measure, that delegates from all parts of England and Scotland felt it their duty to assemble in London for the purpose of waiting upon the prime minister, to warn him as well as the country at large of the ruinous and disastrous effects that such a system, if allowed to progress, must produce upon yourselves and all the producing classes of this country. I do not wish to place the subject before you as a party question, or as one of rivalry between one class and another. I am one of those who are quite convinced that all interests are so combined that it is wholly impossible to inflict a wound upon one without injury to the other. I feel that all her Majesty's subjects, more particularly yourselves, are vitally interested in the question, and that they should bring to it a calm and dispassionate judgement. I deprecate the language made use of by some who sought to justify free-trade views – who talked of the "wicked and abominable bread tax;" and who not only exposed large loaves to the gaze of the public, but used many strange arguments in favour of their opinions. I would not attempt to impute improper motives to those parties; but I invite you to enter into the examination of the subject, and you ought to be extremely cautious in doing so, because if you miss the mark you may have reason for long and unavailing regret.

Then let us proceed to ascertain, as near as may be, the effect a free-trade importation of foreign produce has and will have upon prices, and then mark the result.

In the first place, then, the average rent of land, in those countries from whence our supplies may be expected, Mr. Jacob reports to be in Russia, Germany, and other corn growing countries up the Baltic, which send their produce to Dantzic, (I leave out of consideration the overwhelming resources of America) 1s. 3d. per acre, and all other charges upon it about 3d, making together 1s. 6d; while the labourers, wages are on the average 5d, and the mechanic and artisan in like proportion, that is from 9d to 1s. 3d per day. Such is the poverty of the farmers and labourers that they are compelled to live almost entirely upon vegetable food. The price, therefore, at which the land is rented and labour is procured enables them to produce corn far below what the English farmer and labourer could grow it for. All parties are agreed that free importation would very much reduce the price in England, it has already fallen one third - Now the average price of wheat for years before the repeal of the corn laws was about 7s per bushel: suppose then we take 7s as the medium price, and which has been universally allowed as no more than is required to enable the farmer to pay you fairly, and to meet his other demands - Now, the price being reduced 2s 4d., which would leave it at 4s. 8d., the farmer began to enquire, "if I am to sell my produce at 4s. 8d., which had hitherto been sold at 7s., and with but a scanty profit at that, where is the point of my items of expenditure at which the saving is to be effected. The first is my rent and tithes; then trademen's bills; then labour, taxes, rates, manures, etc. First, what does my rent amount to per bushel of wheat?" Let us take the rent at 28s., and the produce at 28 bushels per acre; that would make the rent 1s per bushel. Now, suppose the landlords were to try to meet the case, and reduce the rent at once one half – and surely no one could expect more – that would be 6d leaving 1s. 10d still deficient. The tithe was regulated by the price of wheat, and will be found under the new law to be about one sixth of the rent, viz, 4s. 6d., to 5s. per acre: one third reduction upon this would be about 1s 6d to be divided upon an acre of wheat, not 1d per bushel. The farmer then goes to the saddler, and says "I must have my saddlery done for less." To the blacksmith and wheelwright to the same effect. The answer no doubt will be, "to be sure you must; our men must work for less." But all will admit that these few items would produce but a small amount, perhaps not more than 1½d per bushel. Taxes would remain the same, and poor rates under the system I fear would be increased, and out of the poor labourer must come the remaining 1s 7½d., and they have from bitter

experience already had to encounter a great reduction. To take 1s 7½d, from the labourer and farmer while they could only get from rent, tithe, and tradesman 8½d, must be ruinous, and never ought to be expected. Then would it not be wiser to go upon the principle of live and let live, than subject ourselves to foreign supplies, and run the risk of general ruin? It is not argument to talk about this subject in an opprobrious way, and designate it "this robbery," "this plunder," "this bread tax," or any thing to make it obnoxious in the minds of some classes. I would put this question to them – did cheap bread produce good wages and constant employment, and was cheap bread proof of happiness? Tell them to look at the countries where cheap corn is grown, and see what is the state of the working classes there. They would find it most deplorable. I have already stated the wages of those countries: contrast the same with England. But it is well for you to know the bread that is used by the working classes in these cheap countries is coarse in the extreme, being more like baked sawdust than any thing else. Examine these things; and then if you become the willing dupes of designing men, the day is not far distant when experience will teach you your error. Can it be expected, then, that you and your employers will remain dormant until you are all plunged into one common ruin? No, that cannot be – Look at the thousands of acres of land, particularly in the fen country, that have been, through your unceasing labour and exertions, brought into cultivation, and vast capital has been expended in its culture under the fostering care of protection, every district colonised with farmers, servants and labourers; and if these be thrown out of cultivation it will involve a general ruin. The capital would be gone; the population turned adrift. Your only recourse then would be, either to go to the union-house, (but who would be able to maintain you?) or adopt the cruel and distressing alternative, recommended by the "Farmer in Prosperity," in the Chronicle of last week, that of quitting your country, your family ties, and your once happy homes for ever.

Surely truth must ultimately prevail, although unfortunately the subject at present is not examined with a view to the public good. Hence comes the delusion and misrepresentation. Party spirit blinds men's minds, and prevents them seeing the truth. But I consider the subject far too important to be treated as a party question. Look at the situation to which under such a system you may be brought. You no doubt have been told how cheap the loaf is in different foreign countries. But no matter what the price is of good wheaten bread; it is always beyond the reach of the labouring- man, whose food consists as I have before said, of a species of the coarsest kind, made of rye and other inferior materials. Very little else is within reach of the working classes abroad; indeed many of them never taste any thing but vegetable food. God forbid that you and the deserving working classes of England should be reduced to such a situation, to which, however distressing, should you be compelled to compete with foreign cheap labour, you will be obliged to submit. Depend upon it your condition, bad as it is, will become worse and worse. It behoves you, therefore, as you value your homes, as you love your families, to use all constitutional means in having your wrongs redressed; and say to the "Free-trader" and to the "Farmer in Prosperity" that instead of holding out the cruel alternative to a deserving class, that of quitting the land of their fathers, they themselves should try the experiment.

The facts I have stated deserve your attention, and you will do well seriously to consider them. Instead of exciting party feeling, which is too much the case with some, for the base purpose of setting one class against another, the interests of yourselves and your employers are the same; and those who would attempt to bring you into collision are enemies to both. If the plain statements I have put before you should be the means of serving the cause of truth, my end will be answered, and in doing so I conscientiously feel and believe I am serving you.
From your well wisher and friend.
A Delegate from the Isle of Ely, and an Employer of Labour.

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At the Lamb Inn in Ely, on Thursday, the 13th day of June next, at Five o'clock in the afternoon precisely (unless previously disposed of by private contract);
The substantial and excellent mansion-House, in the Palace Green, Ely late the residence of Agnes Waddington, with the Gardens and Premises thereto belonging, containing an area of 1A. 1R. 17P., and surrounded by lofty brick walls;

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Ely, May 25, 1850
8 June 1850
Ely
The Protectionist Meeting at Liverpool
The following gentlemen were appointed by the Isle of Ely Protection Society a deputation to attend the great meeting that was holden at Liverpool on Thursday last: - Messrs. Layton, Archer, Cropley, Moseley, J. Saberton, T. Vipan, J. Swift, and Huntingdon Martin. On Wednesday morning the deputation left Ely by the down train to Peterborough.
Shoplifting – Last Saturday evening a case of shoplifting was successfully practised in this city. A young woman named Dalby called at the shop of Butcher and Bard, drapers, and, representing herself to be the servant of Mrs. Lyon, of Broad Street, Ely, where it appears she lived two years ago, obtained five shawls, varying in price from 18s to 30s., for her mistress to look at. The same tale was told to Mr. Horne, shoemaker, and five pairs of shoes were secured. Suspicion was subsequently excited, and the police went after the young woman towards Brandon. But it appears that a policeman in Downham, it being the feast there, was suspicious about a bundle which he noticed under the arm of a girl entering the village, and upon searching it and making enquiries it turned out to be the depository of the stolen goods the bearer of it being the thief herself. She has been committed for trial at Wisbech Sessions.
Prize Fight. Upon the arrival of the train from Peterborough last Wednesday morning, the platform was speedily covered by a collection of the most hang-dog looking beings the eye ever beheld, disgorged out of third-class carriages. They were mostly, we believe, from the neighbourhood of

Nottingham, and were making their way towards Lakenheath, where a prize-fight was arranged to "come off" between a notorious man named Bendigo, and a new boxer named Paddock. A special train also left London at eight o'clock on the same morning; and in the course of the day the disgusting business was completed, Bendigo proving the winner. How many rounds were fought; how long the two brutes hit each other; what punishment their worthless carcases received, we know not, and perhaps our readers are not very curious to learn; suffice it that there is every reason to believe that Bendigo would have been beaten, but that he by generalship induced Paddock to hit him while "on the ropes", and then appealed to the referee who gave it in his favour, and was immediately felled with a bludgeon for his pains. £100 was offered to be posted on Paddock for another fight, but Bendigo's backers declined to hear of it until they had returned to London. The chief part of the company had their pockets picked for their pains.
Potato Disease. Hitherto the disease has scarcely appeared in the early potatoes. This year it has already made its appearance, and if we may judge from the few that have been taken up, the ravages likely to be made by it are of a more formidable character then hitherto.

Bedford Level
Receipt of June Tax for the North Level
To the Owners and Occupiers of Adventure Lands, in the said North Level
Gentlemen
I beg to acquaint you that for the accommodation of persons residing in the North Level, I shall attend at the Falcon Inn, in Whittlesey, on Tuesday, the 25th day of June instant, from the hour of Six to the hour of Eight in the evening; for the purpose of Receiving the Tax for the said Level, due this month.

And that on all the other days of this month attendance will be given at my Office, in Ely, for the purpose of receiving the remainder of the above Tax.
I am, Gentlemen
Your very obedient servant
H. R. Evans, Receiver.
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To Builders, Contractors, Carpenters, Plumbers, and others.
Extensive Sale of Building Materials,
Next the Palace Green, Ely
To be Sold By auction,
By George Legge
On Friday next, June 14th 1850, at Eleven o'clock precisely, (unless previously disposed of by Private Contract), the whole of the capital
Materials
Standing on the Premises late the property of Mrs. Agnes Waddington;
Comprising the Brick Wall, 18 inches thick, and 11 feet high, standing on the north side of the garden next St. Mary's street, in 14 lots of about 20 feet each.
Lot A. A small brick and tiled Building behind the Greenhouse, used as a furnace house.
Lot B. the Materials of two brick and tiled Lodges, 21 feet long, by 17 feet 6 inches wide, with two Doors and Frames, and a Lead Gutter.
Lot C. An 18 inch Brick Wall, 35 feet long, extending from the last lot to the Brewhouse, with Door and Frame therein.
Lot D. The Materials of a range of Buildings, extending from the last lot to the Mansion-House in length 86 feet or thereabouts; containing Brewhouse with large Copper and Furnace therein, Cellar, Washhouse with two Coppers, Oven, Pump, Larder, back Staircase, Kitchen with Range, Stoves, and Dresser therein; Knife-house, three Pantries with Dressers, Marble Slab, and Shelves therein, and Chambers extending over the whole.
Also, another capital and substantial Building adjoining to the back of the Mansion-house, extending in length 34 feet or thereabouts; containing Butler's Pantry with Dresser, Cupboards, and Shelves therein; Lead Cistern 10 by 4 feet, and 3 feet deep, with pipes extending to wash house and brewhouse, and two Bedrooms over the same, with Stove and marble Chimney-piece therein.
N. B. These Buildings are all constructed of Brick and Stone, with capital Oak Roofs covered with Plain Tiles, and containing good sound Floors, Oak Joists and Girders, Staircase to attics, very large Chimneys about 35 Doors and Frames, and 25 Windows of different sizes, Copper Spouting, Lead Gutters, Brick Floors, etc. etc.
Lot E. The Materials of a Greenhouse, 24 feet long 11 feet wide, with five front and four top sliding Lights, lead and pantile covering, six deal Shelves, Furnace and Flues, and a large Flower Stand.
Lot F. The Materials of a Privy, brick and tiled, with two Doors and frames, next the Green lane.

Lot G. Five Drying Posts.
Lot H. A large Lead Trough, by pump, 7 feet long 3 feet 6 inches wide, and 1 foot deep.
Lot I. A piece of Palisade Fencing round the Wood-yard, 58 feet long.
Lot J. Another piece of Ditto round the Kitchen garden, 142 feet long.
Lot K. About 100 feet of Yorkshire Flag Pavement, two feet wide.

In case the Garden in the front of the Mansion-house should be sold in lots, the Materials of the Brick Wall next the Green, will be sold in eleven lots of about 22 feet each.

The Materials of the Wine Cellar, at the corner of the garden, Brick Arch and Vaults covered with Tiles, 12 by 11 feet.

The Auctioneer begs to call particular attention to the above important sale; the Materials are very sound and good, and will be sold without Reserve, For Ready Money.

The Lots may be seen at any time before the sale, and catalogues had on application to the Auctioneer, or to Mr. Bacon, of Ely.
Ely, May 29th, 1850

Isle of Ely
City of Ely Association For The Protection of Native Industry.
In our last number appeared an advertisement, stating that a meeting would be holden at the White Hart hotel, Ely at 7 o'clock on Tuesday evening, for the purpose of forming an association of farmers, tradesmen, and others resident in the city and its immediate neighbourhood, for the purpose of advancing that movement for the restoration of a just and equitable Protection in the success of which Ely, as the centre of an agricultural district, is so deeply interested. The meeting was largely attended by men of all classes, and we are bound to say that greater unanimity we never witnessed than that which prevailed. There was not a dissentient voice – not a whisper in opposition to the universal declaration that trade is falling, as well as agriculture, under the blighting influence of free-trade. The meeting comprised all the most respectable tradesmen of the city with scarcely an exception, and every one of them concurred heartily in the object for which it was called. One gentleman certainly was present – a gentleman weak enough to appropriate to himself the credit, or the discredit, of letters that he did not write – who with a silly rankering after notoriety still talks free-trade nonsense. He made himself somewhat conspicuous by spasmodic efforts at banter before the meeting began; but he sunk into his proper sphere of insignificance when the room got filled, and his voice was heard no more.

Mr. C. M. Bidwell was called upon to preside, and in the crowded room we noticed Messrs. Goodwyn Archer, J. Bowles, W. Broderick, J. Beecroft, G. Benstead, J. Buller, J. Butcher, F. Broderick, W. Barnard, M. Bennett, J. Cross (merchant), J. Cross (auctioneer), James Cheesewright, L. D. Cugny, A. and W. Cropley, C. Crawley, James Cropley, W. B. Creake, A. Claydon, C. Clarke, T. & G. Day, A. Dalzell, R. Ewer, James Evans, R. & W. Few, R. Freeman, W. Flanders, D. Fortingdon, W. Fillinger, W. Giscard, T. Gilding, J. Goddard, T. Haylock, W. Harlock, jun., J. Harlock, J. & T. A. Hills, James Hogg, J. Human, J. & W. Hawkes, J. Hall, Ilett, H. Jones (Littleport), W. & E. Kirby, W. & J. King, C. Kemp, T. & G. Legge, Jos. Long, A. Layton, C Levett, J. Lockington, J. Muriel, C. S. Morris, J. N. Merry, W. Macrow, C. Moseley, C. Mainprice, J. Nash, J. Nethercote, W. Neal, W. Pashler, H. T. Pate, J. B. Pearson, J. Pryke, R. Roberts, H. Rayner, Jos. Raper, G. Reynolds, M. Scott, J. Sindall, Jer. Stamford, R. Scott, T. Shearman, Jos. Simpson, J. Swift, R. Spencely, W. Trigg, Isaac Taylor, T. & J. Wilson, J. Woods, R. Whiting etc.

The meeting was called for seven o'clock; but there was a rather long delay after the room was full, in order that several gentlemen who were engaged at a distance might have an opportunity of coming upon the arrival of the evening train.

The Chairman in commencing the proceedings, said it was the first time he had ever occupied such a position, and therefore he claimed indulgence for any mishap that might occur on his part. He rejoiced to see so numerous a meeting of the most respectable tradesmen of Ely upon that important occasion; and the more so, because it had been stated that the trade of Ely was somewhat opposed to the agricultural interest. It was thought right, therefore, the some such meeting as that should be held, in order that a proper idea might go abroad as to the true sentiments of the tradesmen upon the question (hear, hear). He trusted that the proceedings of the meeting, and others that might originate out of it, would be carried on in a becoming manner, and that a proper constitutional agitation of the question of Protection would be successfully conducted throughout the country (hear). Without Protection, it was his firm conviction that the agricultural interest must be swamped, for it was absurd to suppose that we could grow corn in competition with lightly-taxed and ill-fed foreigners (hear, hear). A report of that meeting would go forth to the world, and he trusted that before long other places would follow the example now set by the city of Ely (cheers).
Mr. W. Trigg (Head-master of the School), in a few observations expressive of his readiness to take part in a movement for the public good, proposed, and Mr. J. Hills (Wine-merchant), seconded, the first resolution, for which se advertisement in another column. [We may say here once for all that each resolution was carried unanimously].
Mr. Matthew Scott (of White Hart inn) moved the second resolution, and said it was not his intention to dwell at length upon the abstract question of Free-trade and Protection, for that had been discussed so many times and at so much length that little more could be said about it. But he must say that it seemed to him the time had arrived when the tradesmen should co-operate heartily with their agricultural neighbours (hear). And why should they not do so? So did not the tradesmen live by the land, aye, just as much as the farmers themselves? (hear, hear). Statements of a contrary tendency had been put forward in that place: it had been said that the tradesmen of Ely held opinions at variance with the opinions of the farmers upon this question of free-trade. Some 12 months ago, he confessed, such opinions might have prevailed amongst the tradesmen: but experience had done it work since that time; and free-traders, who once were hundreds, soon became tens, and now they had dwindled down to units, for they were indeed "like angels' visits, few and far between" (loud cries of "hear, hear"). Why was this? He would tell them what he conceived to be the cause. Could the tradesmen in that place say that they were doing one-half of what they did in the days of Protection? ("no"). Did they receive any thing like the same amount of money on a Saturday night? ("no"). Did they put into their books the same amount of good and safe debts? (continued cries of "no"). Certainly not: it was impossible. Free-trade had brought down the receipts of the farmers: having paid a reasonable rent, tithes, taxes, and other necessary outgoings, there was nothing left to go shopping with: neither themselves, their wives, nor their friends had got the money to spend that they used to have. They all knew that the custom was, when a farmer had taken the money for a few loads of corn, to set so much apart for certain constant demands, and then to say to his wife, "here, my good lady, go to marker and spend this £5 note." – (hear and laughter). But now look at the trade. Who suffered? Not the farmer only –mind that: the tradesman suffered in common with the farmer, for if the money was not in circulation, it could not be received by the tradesman – (hear). For these reasons he thought it was quite time for the tradesmen to begin to help themselves by helping the farmers to get back a just and reasonable Protection – (cheers). They must be mindful, however, that that could not be accomplished without great exertion. Look at the league for an example in that respect: how did the League carry their point? Not by indifference and letting things take their own course: no; it was only by constant and persevering hard work that they succeeded in making an impression upon the country and upon Sir Robert Peel. Mind, he did not say they had convinced Sir. R. Peel of the impolicy of Protection: no such thing: Sir Robert Peel never was convinced of that; but he quailed before the uproar of the League, and said he must submit, because otherwise he should be borne down by the manufacturers. If Sir Robert Peel's secret soul could be laid bare, they might depend upon it that he repented of his cowardice at this every day – (hear, hear). Both Sir Robert Peel and Lord John Russell, he verily believed, would escape if they could; but they were in a mess, and it rested with the country to drag them out of it – (cheers). The tradesmen of Ely had assembled together that night, in order that the farmers might not suppose that there was any opposition or any estrangement from them upon this most vital question. There was nothing at all of the kind: indeed, he did not know a tradesman now

who had well considered the subject who was not a Protectionist. There might be some persons amongst them living upon fixed salaries, who felt the benefit of low prices, because their money now brought them more commodities: but look at the tradesman, with the same expenses as before pressing upon him, and smaller receipts to meet them with - - Cheers). Did the landlords expect the poor tenants to pay their Midsummer rents? – (hear). Could the rents be paid out of the proceeds of the land? It was impossible, when every thing they sold, cattle and corn alike, was down one third in price – (hear, hear). Why, only last Thursday he sold wheat at 18s. 6d the coomb: and just before the late small rise in prices he sold good wheat, weighing 18st. 3 lbs. at 16s. 6d the coomb, and be bought oats at 7d a stone. Were these prices of farm-produce at which tradesmen and mechanics could expect to be supplied with money and work? (loud cries of "no"). When the farmers had paid their rents and other demands upon the land, there was not a half-penny left for the tradesman, and therefore the tradesman must feel it – ("so he does"). The only thing that surprised him was that a single man could be found to say the Free-trade had benefited this country, for its first and most certain operation was to take money out of the pockets of the English farmers, and put it into the pockets of foreigners – (hear). For his part whenever did think that Free-trade could do any good; and he verily believed that the time was close at hand when there would not be a man seen walking in the street as of Ely who was not a hearty Protectionist – (Loud applause).

Mr. Butcher (of the firm of Butcher and Bard, drapers), who travelled from Stamford for the purpose of being present, expected rather to have been a silent spectator, than to have been called upon to take any part in the proceedings; but as he was quite satisfied that no man should shrink at this crisis from taking his fair share in the movement that is going on, and remembering the motto, "England expects every man to do his duty," he would propose the resolution put into his hands since he left the railway. He was glad to have to propose a resolution that admitted of so simple an illustration. He considered that the recent depreciation of agricultural produce amounted to at least 25 per cent, upon the average of the last seven or fourteen years. Now, that parish and the parish of Soham together contained about 26,000 acres, and as cattle, butter, and other produce were as bad as corn, the depreciation might be supposed to be something like 30s. per acre. See, then, the enormous sum of money taken annually out of circulation in that neighbourhood (hear, hear).

Mr. M. Scott said it had been calculated by Mr. M'Queen, an eminent writer upon statistics, that the value of agricultural produce in 1846 was £584,548,536, and that in 1849 is was only £403,187,226, showing a depreciation of £181,361,310.

Mr. Butcher was dealing with the state of things in that immediate neighbourhood, and he was sure that there the pressure was felt very severely indeed. The resolution, he thought, might have embraced the manufacturing districts also, for there too the pressure must be felt, seeing that the country tradesmen could not buy their goods when they took no money from the farmers (hear). They had not yet felt it as they would do, but they had already felt it very severely. He had no hesitation in saying that a very serious diminution in the receipts of money had taken place; and if some remedy were not applied, the consequences must be disastrous (hear, hear). The farmers had been somewhat like the silk-worm, and had spun themselves out for the gain of the manufacturers. But the game of the manufacturers must soon come to an end, for prosperous as their interest might have been, it could not stand against falling-off of 25 per cent. Mr. Butcher proceeded to argue that unless the farmers got a renumeratng price for their produce, it was in vein to expect prosperity in a place like Ely: and in conclusion he expressed a hope that other towns and villages connected with agriculture would institute a movement similar to that which they had just started in Ely.

Mr. C. S. Morgan (Banker's agent) seconded the motion.

Mr. Muriel (Surgeon) proposed the next resolution which entirely harmonised with his own feelings. It was quite clear that, in consequence of the great depreciation in the value of their produce, farmers could not encourage trade as they used to do; all that they bought now were the mere necessities of life, for they had no money to spend on the superfluities. All must admit that the present Parliament was not favourable to Protection ("Turn them out"). He hoped such would soon be the case; or that they would be convinced that free-trade cannot go on. Why not have Protection here as well as in other kingdoms? All other countries had some sort of tax upon the importation of corn; why not have the same thing here? In this country there was a very heavy debt, which must be met in some way or other, for if we did not meet it our credit would be gone, and that would never do for England (hear, hear). The debt fell very heavily upon the farmer in various

ways, and consequently he needed Protection to support his burden. Whom did Protection harm? Not the poor man, for it was of no use giving him a cheap loaf, if he had not the means of buying it (hear). The English labourer could not exist as labourers existed aboard, where they had low wages, and black bread made of material not fit for human food. In England there was a feeling that the poor should live upon the same bread as the rich, and we could not endure to force them to the nasty course fare which they had to submit to in other countries. With present prices, however, the labourer could not be maintained in his position: the farmer could not possibly give wages so as to enable him to get his good wheaten loaf, such as he had been used from time immemorial. Therefore a feeling on behalf of the labourers should induce a strong effort for a return to Protection (hear). We had had Protection for half a century, and what could work better than it had done?
After a few more remarks, Mr. Muriel proposed the resolution, as stated in the advertisement.
Mr. J. Cross (Auctioneer) seconded the resolution.
Mr. J. Cross (Merchant) proposed the next resolution and strongly urged a careful attention to the registration as the practical means of carrying out the objects of the meeting.
Mr. G. Benstead (Ironmonger) seconded the resolution.
The next resolution was proposed by Mr. J. Bowles, (who hoped that neither tradesmen not farmers would be victim to Free-trade), and seconded by Mr. R. Freeman (Builder).

Mr. Matthew Scott wished to disabuse the public upon one point. It had been asserted by an individual in that room that the meeting had been got up for the sale of beer, pipes and tobacco. Now, he asked that individual to step boldly forward, and say if one penny had been spent in such things, or if one sentiment had been uttered which did not bear upon the good of all classes? (Cheers).
Upon the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Muriel, a vote of thanks to the Editor of the Cambridge Chronicle for advocacy of the cause of protection and attendance at that meeting, was passed, and acknowledge by Mr. Simpson.
Mr. T. Haycock (Miller) proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman. (Cheers).
Mr. T. Moseley, as a tenant farmer, begged to be allowed to second the motion, for the Chairman had acquitted himself very satisfactorily. (Hear, hear). The meeting was one that spoke well for the town. He certainly had an opinion that many tradesmen were acting against the farmers; but he was happy to hear from Mr. Scott that they had dwindled from hundreds to units. (Hear, hear).
The Chairman having briefly acknowledged the compliment, the proper business of the meeting terminated; but the company did not seem inclined to disperse, and so they gave three hearty cheers for Mr. Layton, and the Delegates who were going to Liverpool.
Mr. Cropley, as one of the Delegates, thanked the meeting, and contrasted the condition of Ely 30 years ago, with its condition at the present time. What was the cause of its increase in wealth and importance? The increase of land brought into cultivation. Land which 30 years ago was covered with water, now produced corn, and corn produced money. Thirty years ago there was only one or two little draper's shops in the place: now there were large establishments carrying on a great business, and where 5s. was spent then, £1 was spent now. (Hear).
Mr. Rayner bore out what Mr. Cropley said about the increase of trade. He could remember the time when there were only three drapers' shops in Ely; one of them was kept by an old woman named English, in St. Mary's parish; another was down by the water-side; and another on the Hill.
Mr. R. Few (Downham) thought no place had a greater claim for Protection than the district of the Bedford Level. It contained about 315,000 acres, of which in the year 1800 above 200,000 acres did not grow more than half a bushel of wheat per acre. But under the system of Protection the farmers went to work with drainage, etc., paying a considerable tax, and the 200,000 acres which in 1800 did not produce half a bushel per acre, now produced thirteen bushels and one peck. As to labour, in 1800 the cost of it per acre upon these 200,000 acres was 4s., and now it was not less than 34s. This made a difference of about £300,000 a year paid for labour alone. Land, then, had been brought to this high state of cultivation at a great outlay of money; but what was the use of it if wheat at 15s. a bushel? Clay alone only impoverished the land; they must find manure also, or they would be worse off than in 1800, because there were now heavy taxes and heavy outgoings of all finds. Without Protection he was sure they could not carry on the cultivation of the land. As for rents at present prices, they were quite out of the question.

Mr. M. Scott said if any man would put it down in black and white, he would see that no rent could be got at present prices. He argued that no conceivable reduction that could be made in public expenditure could compensate for the loss of Protection; and yet if Free-trade ministers were honest and sincere, they would at once have begun the new system by reducing their own salaries, and abolishing useless places and commissions. (hear, hear).
The meeting now broke up, a large number of names having been enrolled as members of the Association.
June 15 1850
Eau Brink Bridge Lynn
Stoppage of Traffic
Notice is hereby given, that the Traffic over the Eau Brink Bridge, near Lynn, will be stopped on Wednesday, the 3rd day of July next, till further notice, for the purpose of executing some necessary Repairs to the Bridge.
Dated this 3rd day of June 1850
W. D. Harding
Supt. of the Works of the Eau Brink Drainage Commissions.

Ely County Court – June 12
Thurnall v Warner
This was an action for the recovery of a tenement at Ely. Mr. Charles Thurnall, of Duxford, was the plaintiff: Sarah Warner, whose husband was found guilty of felony on the 7th of last March, was the defendant.

Mr Naylor appeared as counsel for the plaintiff; Mr Wilkin, of Soham, for the defendant.

It appeared that two days after Warner was "dead in law" Mr. Thurnall was admitted. He had held a conditional surrender. He then treated Mrs. Warner as a tenant by sufferance, and gave her a reasonable time to get out. The admission of the plaintiff, the notice to quit, and the holding of the defendant was proved.

Mr. Wilkin made several objections, which the Judge wished him to reduce to writing, and Mr. Naylor answered them in writing.

The Judge said he would give Judgement next Court.

Ely
The City Protection Society
By a disagreeable mistake last week, the resolutions passed at the meeting holden at the White Hart, on Tuesday, the 4th instant, and which were referred to in our report of the meeting, were omitted from our advertising columns: they will be found in our present impression. In the report of Mr. Few's observations there was an error which probably each reader would correct for himself: for "15s per bushel," read "15s per coomb".
The Union – At the meeting of the Board of Guardians last Thursday, Mr. C. Moseley in the chair, Mrs. Myrton's tender for good beef without bone, mutton, and suet, at 5s. 8d per stone, was accepted: Mr. Worster tendered at 5s. 10d. For flour and bread, Mr. Thomas Haylock's tenders at 1s. 5d per stone for the Ely and Haddenham Districts, and 1s. 4d in the House, were accepted: Messrs. Simson tendered at 1s. 5d, for the Ely district and the House, and 1s. 7d for the Haddenham district.
June 22 1850
Death – Last week at Ely, Mr. John Eaves, son of the late Mr. Robert Eaves, of the same place: aged 35.

Country Markets
Ely, Thursday, June 20.

	Quantity		Average		
	Q	B	£	S	D
Wheat	1382	0	1	19	5
Barley	2	0	1	3	0
Oats	298	0	0	10	2
Beans	18	4	1	5	0
Peas	0	0	0	0	0

Isle Magistracy, June 1
Ely Division – March, 15th June, 1850
(before Dr. Fardell and Rev. G. Millers)

Jane Dalby, Ely, single woman, was charged with obtaining goods (the property of Messrs. Butcher and Bard, of Ely) under false pretences. Apprehended by p.c. Roughton. Committed for trial at the Sessions.

George Bull, Henry Bull, Richard Pont, Thos. Gilder, Henry Mitchell, John Clarke, and John Coxall, Haddenham, labourers, were charged with being drunk and very disorderly at Haddenham feast. Fined 5s each and costs.

Wm. Shingles, Isaac Harwood, Chas. Harwood, and John Morris, all of Littleport, labourers, on summons, for playing at pitch-and-toss on Sunday, 26th ult. Committed to prison for 7 days each.

John Morris, Haddenham, labourer, on warrant, for wilfully exposing his person, and using threatening language towards Mary Pratt, at Haddenham. Bound over to keep the peace for 6 months.

Bedford Level
Receipt of June Tax for the North Level
The Owners and Occupiers of Adventure Lands in the said North Level.
Gentlemen
I beg to acquaint you that for the accommodation of persons residing in the North Level, I shall attend at the falcon Inn, in Whittlesey, on Tuesday, the 25th day of June instant, from the hour of Six to the hour of Eight in the evening, for the purpose of Receiving the Tax for the said Level, due this month.

And that on all the other days of this month attendance will be given at my Office, in Ely, for the purpose of receiving the remainder of the above Tax.
I am, Gentlemen,
Your very obedient servant
H. R. Evans, Receiver
Ely, 1st June, 1850

Cricket match
On Monday last a cricket match was played at Ely between the married and single. Of course the steady old gentlemen won easily.

A match is coming off at Ashley, between the players of that place and those of Ely.

Isle of Ely
Notice is hereby given, that the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely will be holden at the Sessions House, in Wisbech, in the said Isle, on Wednesday, the third day of July

next; at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, at which hour the Chair will be taken; and all Jurors, Constables, and persons bound by recognizance, and others having occasion to attend are required to give their attendance accordingly.

And Notice is also hereby given, that the business relating to the Constabulary force of the isle, and laying a Police-Rate towards defraying the expences of the said Force, will commence and be proceeded in immediately after the Grand Jury are sworn and charged; and after such business is disposed of the business relating to the assessment, application, or management of the Isle Stock or Rate, will commence and be done and transacted in open court.

The Justices' Clerks are requested to send the several depositions and recognizances to the office of the Clerk of the Peace, at Wisbech, on or before the Saturday preceding.

Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech, June 17, 1850

Eau Brink Navigation
Notice is hereby given, that a general Meeting of the Commissioners acting under or in execution of the several acts of Parliament now in force for making a New river or cut from a place called Eau Brink, in the parish of Wiggenhall Saint Mary the Virgin, in the County of Norfolk, to the Harbour of King's Lynn, in the said County, will be held at the Lamb Inn, situate in Ely, in the County of Cambridge, on Friday, the Fifth day of July, 1850, at Twelve o'clock at noon.
Edwd. Lane Swatman
Clerk to the Commissioners
King's Lynn, June 18, 1850

Isle of Ely
The Poor Allotments – We regret to state that the allotments in West Fen, appropriated for the use of the poor at nominal rents, present a most distressing aspect; the potatoe crop, from the frost of Saturday night last, has been greatly injured, if not altogether destroyed. With the scant wages and uncertain employment, arising from free-trade, the consequences next winter are anything but promising for the labouring man. The potatoes generally in the low black fen lands are much injured.
Sanitary report – The sanitary report of Mr. Commissioner Lee, and its coming forthwith into operation, and the contemplated enormous expenses consequent thereon, these rather unexpected facts have put the rate-payers upon their chairs of consideration as to how the needful in these crooked times of free trade can be raised. However, all parties admit that better sewerage and a new burial ground are required, but few think the water scheme practicable. It is thought Mr. Lee has handled the mortality of the year 48, an exceptional period, singularly to suit his own views. Several perpetual springs of beautiful water surround those places which are not well supplied, and at a little cost might be made available to public use. It is an extraordinary fact, that in one year, 108 deaths occurred in Ely, in which each of the parties exceeded the age of 80 years.
Rural sports – The annual rural sports in commemoration of the Coronation are appointed to come off on Friday next, when there will be "no end" of sport for her Majesty's lieges. Foot, hurdle, donkey, pony, and horse racing are all included in the category under all devisable conditions; then there is to be pole-swarming, grinning through horse collars, etc. etc., to fill up the day; and the amusements are to be wound up with John Bull's favourite climax, a good dinner, at Host Reeve's at the Angel, at seven o'clock; and there after the cloth is drawn the prizes are to be awarded. Let it not be forgotten that these said prizes are to be derived from public subscription, and this must be made up if the amusements are to be continued. Mr. John Bowles, veterinary surgeon, is treasurer, and will gladly enter the names of those who are willing to throw in their mite for the amusement of their neighbours. Strangers would do well to get here by the ten o'clock train, a.m., in time for the service of the cathedral. Dean's park and grounds, Cherry Hill, etc., will be open for the public, by

permission of Dr. Peacock. They can then wend their way to the place of amusement through the rich pastures and gardens of the vineyards; on their arrival at the spot of attraction they will observe the imposing woods of New Barns at the back of the course, and the productive valley of Middle Fen in front, with an agreeable spot of rising ground: booths, brass band of music, etc., for the comfort of the spectators. A special train from Lynn is ordered to be put on for the occasion.

June 29 1850

Country Markets

Ely, Thursday, June 27

	Quantity		Average		
	Q	B	£	S	D
Wheat	853	6	1	18	10
Barley	50	0	1	6	3
Oats	66	4	0	14	9
Beans	13	4	1	3	0
Peas	0	0	0	0	0

March.

The Crops.

The delightful weather we are now enjoying has of late rendered the appearance of the Fens in this neighbourhood exceedingly beautiful. The potatoes, which in some places slightly suffered from frosty nights, have in some measure recovered themselves, and now promise a flourishing crop. The farmers are now busy amongst the hay, which bids fair in most cases to be an abundant produce. The wheats are looking well, but some growing showers would be very acceptable. The state of the crops generally, and the abundance which meets the eye in every direction, are calculated to gladden the hearts of the farmers, to encourage and raise the hopes of all classes in the present depressed times.

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Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace
Wisbech, June 17, 1850

Cricket Match

Ely v Ashley

On Friday, the 21st instant a match was played at Ashley between the above parties. In the first innings Ashley scored 117, and in the second innings 102, with two wickets to go down. Ely scored 55 in the first innings. As there was no time to play out the match, victory was decided by the first innings, and therefore Ashley won. Mr. G. Dobito scored 45 and 15.

Mr W. Fisher 21 and 20 and Mr Bromley 25 (second innings) on the Ashley side. There was no score on the Ely side higher than 6. The return match will be played at Ely on Monday July 1.

To be Let
for a term of years and entered upon
29th day of September next.

A Highland and Fen Farm, containing 375 acres of about two miles distant from the City of Ely.
Apply to Messrs Evans & Son, Solicitors, Ely
Ely, June 27th 1850

Sanitary State of Ely
A considerable number of the inhabitants of Ely have submitted to the consideration of the General Board of Health some statements and observations in relation to the report of Mr. Lee, the Superintending Inspector. They commence with the subject of mortality; and indeed it is to that subject that they chiefly confine themselves, for it may be remembered that Mr. Lee made a great point of it in his Report, and represented the mortality of Ely to be very excessive. Having given useful classifications of the burials registered in the two parishes of the city from 1840 to June, 1850, the memorialists say –

"The mortality of Ely is stated in the report to be very excessive, and to have increased rapidly since 1841, and it is stated that, 'in 1841, the mortality in Ely Trinity was 24.8 in 1000, in Ely St Mary only 22.6, and in the whole city 24.1. In 1848, however, the mortality had risen to 30.7 in 1000; that of St Mary 36.4, and that of the whole city to 32.57 in 1000.' Now it seems to have escaped observation, that 1848 was a year of extraordinary sickness and mortality; influenza prevailed to a great extent in Ely, as well as in many other towns and districts in the kingdom, and a considerable mortality also occurred in Ely, from small pox in that year.

"The year 1848 does not, therefore, afford a fair criterion to test the mortality of Ely, and a reference to the aforegoing tables will shew that if Mr. Lee considered that a gradual rise had taken place in the mortality for 7 or 8 years previously to 1848, the impression was an erroneous one. The changes in Ely St Mary from 60 in 1840 to 39 in 1841, and from 57 in 1843 to 35 in 1844, and in Ely Trinity from 112 in 1841 to 88 in 1842, from 105 in 1843 to 97 in 1844, from 124 in 1846 to 118 in 1847, while they shew considerable fluctuations, present instances of a declining mortality.

"If, however, 1848 is to be regarded as the standard of the mortality, how are we to account for the changes in Ely St Mary, from 81 in 1848 to 46 in 1849, and at the rate of 36 in 1850, and in Ely Trinity, from 144 in 1848 to 119 in 1849, and at the rate of 105 for 1850? The rate of mortality for the present year, on the supposed population, is, for Ely St. Mary, 15 per 1000, and for Ely Trinity, 20.8.

"To form a correct estimate of the state of the public health, the year 1848 should not be included in the years of average. The increase of mortality was then very general, and it is worthy of remark, that in one of the healthiest villages in the centre of the county of Norfolk, it rose nearly 50 per cent on the average of burials for the preceding seven years."

The memorialists doubt whether any sensible increase of mortality has arisen from the use of narcotics, as asserted by Mr. Lee; and then shew that the proportion of infantine deaths in Ely is slightly below the average in Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire, the lowland parts of Lincolnshire, etc., and that the proportion of deaths at 70 years and upwards exceeds the general average of the kingdom. Some observations follow upon the unhealthiness of particular localities in the town, which is accounted for to some extent by the privations which the poor inhabitants endure; and then this part of the subject is concluded as follows:-

"For the purpose of correctly testing the sanitary condition of Ely, a comparison should be made with the mortality of populous places is the Bedford Level, or in the low lands of Lincolnshire. The Report refers to the mortality of Anglesey and Hendon, and Barnet, amongst other places, but mountainous and hilly districts are not fair subjects of comparison in respect to salubrity to climate, with traces of fen land where the water has to be discharged by artificial means into the adjacent rivers. The mountains of Wales cannot be brought into the isle of Ely, nor will the fens be studded with the mansions of the rich like the vicinity of Hendon and Barnet.

"Whatever sanitary measures may be resorted to, fen drains and ditches with stagnant water will still remain, and damps and fogs continue to prevail, and if they are to be regarded as grievances, the inhabitants of Ely must be content to encounter them, and to look forward for a continuance of epidemic and endemic diseases, and of an increased rate of mortality as compared with healthier parts of the kingdom.

"We believe it to be a mistaken idea, that the mortality of Ely has been very excessive, and has increased rapidly since 1841; and we are much disposed to think that the inhabitants need not shrink from a comparison in respect of the mortality and salubrity of Ely with any town in a low land district in any part of the kingdom; if not, with many places possessing far greater natural advantages as to soil and climate."

With regard to sewerage and nuisances, the memorialists admit the drainage of the town to be very defective, and the existence of many nuisances; but they do not approve of the expensive remedies of the public Health Act to enable them to obtain it. Mr. Lee's proposed water-works they altogether disapprove of, considering that the supply of water would be irregular and insufficient, and the quality of the water inferior to the present supply, which is stated to be good and abundant, except in one street running parallel with the river. The memorial concludes as follows:-

"It is proper to state that the occupiers of land, within the two parishes, and the inhabitants of Stuntney, Chettisham, and Prickwillow, consider that the proposed measures, if adopted, will not be beneficial to them, and on that ground they contend that any general district rate made under the Act ought not to be assessed upon their occupations. On the other hand, the householders in general strongly object to the charge of such extensive and costly works being thrown entirely upon house property, and they are equally averse to any amalgamation of the highway rates with the general district fund provided for by the Act. The trade of Ely is injuriously affected by the existing agricultural depression, and the inhabitants, as well as the occupiers of land, are consequently ill qualified to bear any addition to the heavy parochial and local burdens now pressing upon them."